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Toll Road crash kills 2 students

Victims went to Bowling Green State University

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ORLAND — Two students from Bowling Green State University in Ohio were killed in a wreck this morning on the Indiana Toll Road just inside Steuben County, Indiana State Police said.

Though a determination has not been made, the snowy weather may have been a contributing factor.

The eastbound rental van in which the six students were traveling lost control at about 12:20 a.m. today and went into the median, rolling at least twice, said Cpl. Derek Fisher.

"We don't know what caused the vehicle to go into the median but at the time of the crash the roads were snow covered," Fisher said.

Two female students, ages 25 and 26, were ejected from the van. One of the women was found underneath the van after it was uprighted by members of Orland Fire Rescue. The other woman was thrown into the westbound lanes of the toll road and was believed to be run over by another vehicle. She was taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and later died. No names have been released pending notification of

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family.

The other four students in the vehicle were male. Two were not injured and the other two sustained minor head injuries and were taken to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola for treatment. All of the students in the van ranged from 24 to 26 years of age.

Fisher said the students' affiliation with the university was not known. They were not believed to be affiliated with an athletic team. "Not to our knowledge," Fisher said.

A check of the BGSU online master calendar did not indicate what group may have been traveling through Indiana over the holiday.

The wreck occurred near the 135 mile marker, about two miles east of the Steuben-LaGrange border. Orland Fire Rescue crews spent more than an hour and a half at the scene battling the elements. They were assisted by officials with the Steuben County Emergency Medical Service, Steuben County Sheriff's Department, Fremont Fire Department, Indiana State Police, Indiana Toll Road Maintenance and the Steuben County Coroner's office.

The accident remains under investigation, Fisher said.

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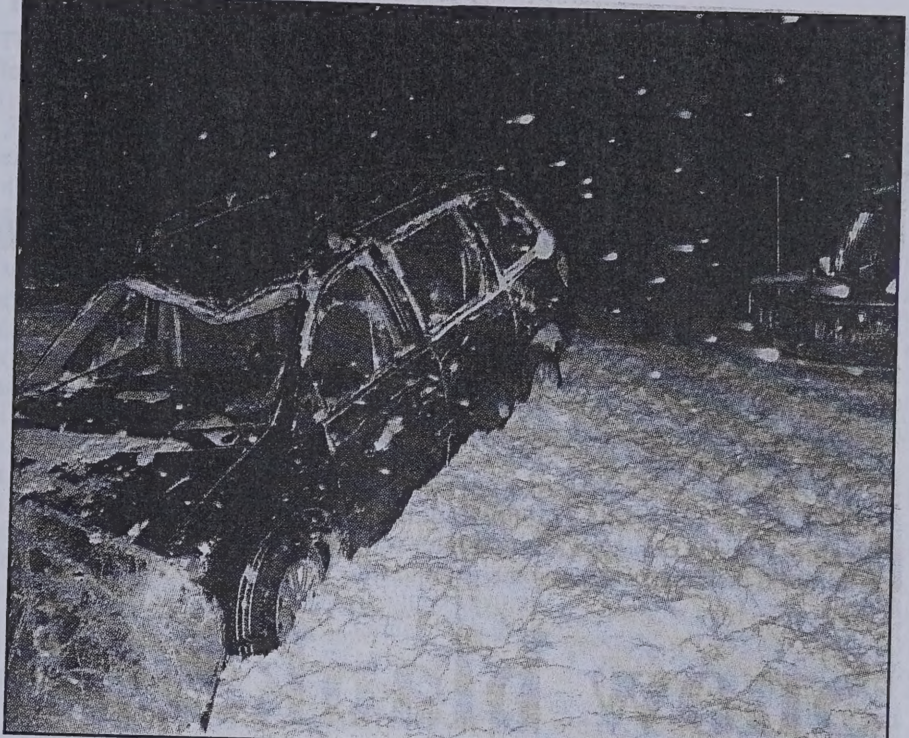

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An Indiana State Police trooper looks at the wrecked van that carried six Bowling Green State University students this morning on the Indiana Toll Road. Two students who were passengers in the van were killed, state police said, and two others were injured.

Patricia Rubley

BRONSON, Mich. — Patricia M. Rubley, 89, of Bronson, Mich., died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility.

She was born April 9, 1918, in New York City.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. G. David and Del Rubley of Coldwater, Mich., and Dennis L. and Cheryl Rubley of Fremont.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Bronson. Burial will follow in Bronson Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson at a time to be announced.

Phyllis Haslup

AVILLA — Phyllis M. Haslup, 89, of Avilla died at 10:05 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Bertha Lewis

MERRIAM — Bertha I. Lewis, 89, of Merriam and a former resident of Huntertown died at 7:10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Among surviving relatives are three sons, Stewart and Arlene Lewis of LaOtto, William and Sue Lewis of Churubusco and Larry Lewis of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Glenna Robertson of Churubusco, Betty and William Beagan of Rossville, Ga., and Loretta and Walter Pedigo and Shirley Lewis, all of Churubusco; and a daughter-in-law Bonnie Lewis of LaOtto.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

To leave a condolence for the family, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Clark Bradley

FORT WAYNE — Clark L. Bradley, 54, of Fort Wayne died unexpectedly and was found at his residence on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007.

Mr. Bradley will be remembered as a man who enjoyed life and was fiercely independent. He loved being with his family, playing poker and exercising. He was known for his sense of humor.

He graduated from North Side High School in 1971 and was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bradley was a member of American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.

He was born in Fort Wayne on May 26, 1953, to John C. II and Martha E. (Bowers) Bradley.

Surviving are his father John C. Bradley II of Cromwell; three brothers and a sister-in-law, John C. Bradley III of Albion, Scott M. and Mary Bradley and Ross M. Bradley, all of Cromwell; a sister, Connie Bradley of Churubusco; three nieces; four nephews; and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

His mother preceded him in death on July 4, 2000.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Terry Sturges officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center, 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

To leave a condolence for the family, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Marion Laughlin

Mr. Laughlin

FREMONT — Marion Laughlin, 92, of Fremont died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Laughlin was retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, and also farmed in Steuben County.

He enjoyed his family and a mixture of old country music and gospel hymns. He also enjoyed coin collecting and cane pole fishing.

He was born Oct. 10, 1915, in Switz City to Oliver Richard and Mattie Elizabeth (Fields) Laughlin. Both preceded him in death. He married Bertha Smith on Aug. 17, 1938. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, James Laughlin of Angola; a daughter, Janet Laughlin of Taylorville, Utah; six grandchildren, Shannon, Brighid, Richie, Brian, Tami and Sue; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be today from 3 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home, as well as an hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Madeleen Wooten

ROME CITY — Madeleen Wooten, 67, of Rome City died suddenly at 3:16 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Wooten had lived in Noble County most of her life, coming from Kentucky.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 23, 1940, in Hazard, Ky., to Harrison and Hazel (Ritchie) Sizemore. She married James Wooten on May 23, 1958, in Knott County, Ky. He preceded her in death in 1986. For the past 16 years, she had made her home with Sherman Robinson. He preceded her in death earlier this year.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Deb Wooten of Ligonier; three grandchildren, Thomas Wooten of Ligonier, Etosha Wooten of Ligonier and Jesse Elza of Rome City; four sisters and one brother-in-law, Lori and A.D. Prater of Kentucky, Martha Patrick of Rome City, Peggy Nannenga of Rome City and Edni Patrick of Kentucky; and four brothers, Ovie Sizemore of Tennessee, Paul Sizemore of Rome City, Arnold Sizemore of Rome City and Nick Sizemore of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda McJunkin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Donny Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Gerald Ford

CHURUBUSCO — Gerald L. "Jerry" Ford, 64, of rural Churubusco, died at 8:05 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered complications after submitting to heart surgery in November.

As a youth he moved to Fort Wayne and graduated from Central High School in 1960. He served with the U.S. Army.

He had been employed in the auto parts department for several automobile dealerships in Fort Wayne and had worked as a parts driver for NAPA Auto Parts in Fort Wayne for the past nine years. In addition, he and his wife worked with Wildlife Rehab and Nature Care for 21 years.

Mr. Ford was born July 8, 1943, in Randolph County near Farmland to Henry Harlon and Helen Louise (Cleek) Ford. He married Linda Schweitzer Boseker in Columbia City on June 13, 1986. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepchildren, Donald A. Boseker of Columbia City and April and Tim Miller of Payne, Ohio; a brother, Larry D. Ford of Kendallville; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Chris A. Boseker on July 30, 1988; and a grandson, Dennis Boseker on May 3, 1995.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto, pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are Masses or to the family.

To leave a condolence, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

June Koppert

ST. JOE — June E. Koppert, 71, of St. Joe died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec, 29, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was retired from Jeep Corp. in Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from Whitmer High School in Toledo in 1954. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was born July 26, 1936, in Toledo to Walter and Hazel (Miller) Conn.

Survived are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lou Ann and Dave Case of St. Joe and Sharon Snyder of Toledo; two sons Barry Koppert and Robert Koppert, both of Toledo; her grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Conn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gerald Conn; and a sister, Carol Osenbaugh.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Burial will be at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Ottawa Hills, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dorothy Smith

ANGOLA — Dorothy Marie Smith, 60, of Angola died at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Angola. She was employed as a caretaker at group homes in Fremont and Angola. She attended Reading (Mich.) High School.

She was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Muskegon, Mich., the daughter of Delbert and Mildred (Waters) Smith.

She married David Smith on Feb. 14, 1998. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Shasta Wright of Plymouth and Michael Wright; two sisters, Vera Crawford of Angola and Mary Golnick of Ray, Mich.; and two brothers, Larry Smith of Roanoke, Ala., and David Smith of Kelso, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Martha Jackson; a brother, Jim Smith; and three brothers-in-law, Bill Jackson, John Crawford and Gerald Golnick.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Faith Baptist Church in Angola with Dr. J. Arnold Fair officiating.

Calling will be Thursday after 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family in care of Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, OH 43526. The funeral home is handling arrangements.

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Phyllis Dunfee

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis Ruth Dunfee, 83, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Dunfee had worked in abstract research at General Electric and at Dreibelbis Title Co. She retired in 1981.

She was a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and served as daytime chairman of the church's prayer chain for 23 years.

Mrs. Dunfee was also a member of the ELEX Club and the Parkview Seniors Club. She served as a volunteer ambassador at the Embassy Theatre.

She was born May 7, 1924, in Allen County.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn Ann and Daniel Linnemeier and Joy and Patrick Poinsett, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and Nancy Dunfee of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Fred and Peg Hoeppner of Raytown, Kan., Kenneth Hoeppner of Woodburn and Ronald and Bev Hoeppner of New Haven; and four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Lucille and Richard Busch of Fort Wayne, Dolores and Floyd Herdman of Huntertown, Wilma Housholder of Kendallville and Carol and Tom Bixby of Taylors, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D. Dunfee Sr. in 1995, and a sister, Vivian Hoeppner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road. Burial will be in the Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapele, 420 W. Wayne St., and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Paul Kitchen

BUTLER — Paul E. Kitchen, 83, of Butler died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Mr. Kitchen

Mr. Kitchen was a retired farmer and was a delivery and route salesman for Garns and McConnell Food Services. He was a 63-year member of the Knights of Pythias, receiving the highest honor of Golden Spur Award and Pythias Father of the Year. He also was a 50-year member of the Farm Bureau. He graduated from St. Joe High School in 1942.

He was born Nov. 22, 1924, in Hudson to Frank and Iva (Sarber) Kitchen.

He married Ina R. Norrick in St. Joe on May 24, 1924, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law Roger and Judy Kitchen of Hamilton, Ronald and Deb Kitchen of Mathews, N.C., Rick and Deb Kitchen of Nashville, Tenn., and Rodney and Kelley Kitchen of Auburn; seven grandchildren, Drew Kitchen, Abby Relue, Cory Kitchen; Brennen Kitchen, Ashley Kitchen, Sierra Kitchen and Colten Kitchen; and four great-grandchildren, Karsyn Kitchen, Kendal Kitchen, Evie Relue and Jayci Kitchen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Gerald, and two sisters, Gertrude Kitchen and Marguerite Jarret.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler, with Pastor Steve Burris officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Knights of Pythias service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the Knights of Pythias.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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New Year's trip turns deadly for students

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ORLAND — Two nights ago, seven international students from Bowling Green State University in Ohio were in Chicago, celebrating the new year as it snowed around them.

As they returned to the Toledo-area campus New Year's Day, the snow, which may have brightened their moods only 24 hours earlier, may have led to two deaths.

The minivan the students were in rolled over just as the van crossed the LaGrange-Steuben county line on the Indiana Toll Road early Wednesday morning. Two passengers, who were students at BGSU, died in the wreck, Bowling Green spokeswoman Teri Sharp said Wednesday afternoon.

Apsana Giri, 26, of Katmandu, Nepal, a master's student in biology, and Sweety Mazumdar, 25, of Calcutta, India, a master's student in geology, were killed in the wreck. Mazumdar was thrown from the vehicle, which was traveling eastbound on the toll road, and into the westbound lanes, where she was struck by another vehicle, Indiana State Police Cpl. Derek Fisher said. She died after being airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Giri was pronounced dead at the scene after she was found underneath the van by personnel from Orland Fire Rescue, Orland Fire spokesman Kim Norton said.

Sharp said the university would be bringing in grief counselors for students when they return next week. The cause of the accident is still being investigated by the state police, who said Wednesday that the amount of snow on the roads may have been a factor.

The other students involved in the accident were driver Mohammed Chowdhury, 25, of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Rahul Mukherjee, 24, of Rancji, India, Puran De, 22, of Bakhrabad, India, Mridutpal Nag, 25, of Calcutta, and Nigel Dsouza, 24, of Pune, India, Sharp said. They were transported back to Ohio Wednesday afternoon, state police said.

"The Bowling Green State University community extends its deepest condolences to the families of two international students killed in the tragic accident earlier today," BGSU president Sidney Ribeau said in a statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them, with the five other students involved in the accident, and with our international community in this time of sadness."

Phyllis Haslup

AVILLA — Phyllis M. Haslup, 89, of Avilla died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at 10:05 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Haslup

Miss Haslup was a lifetime resident of the Fort Wayne and Avilla areas.

She retired from Community State Bank in Avilla after 17 years of service.

Miss Haslup was a member of the Kendallville First Church of God and a past board member of the Noble County Humane Society. She enjoyed spending time with her German shepherd Sarah.

She was born April 26, 1918, in Fort Wayne to Lawrence D. and Nina M. (Clem) Haslup.

Surviving are three nephews; two nieces; and several great-nephews and great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Haslup, and a half sister, Gladyes Schmidt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Jim Kane of the Kendallville First Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice or the Kendallville First Church of God.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Shirley Stone

ELKHART — Shirley May Stone, 76, of Elkhart died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at 11:20 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Stone was employed as a baker in the commissary at Goshen College for the past 16 years. Formerly she was employed at Strauss Bakeries, Ponderosa and Freer's Ice Cream Shop.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church. She enjoyed bowling and was an Avon representative for many years.

She was born Feb. 14, 1931, in Garden City, Mich., to Herman E. and Mable Florence (Hoeft) Wolff. They preceded her in death.

She married Ralph R. Stone on Dec. 1, 1975, in Elkhart. He died Oct. 27, 1996.

Surviving are three sons, Steven Monroe of Dowagiac, Mich., and Daniel Monroe and Mark Monroe, both of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and James Gibbs of Spring, Texas; two granddaughters; a stepgrandson; and two brothers, Kenneth Wolff of Grabill and Harvey Wolff of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ramelda Carper.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, 700 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart, with Sister Nora Frost of Grace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grace Lutheran Church, 831 W. Marion St., Elkhart, IN 46516.

Wayne Sowers

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Wayne Richard Sowers, 53, of Hicksville died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, at 5:49 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr, Sowers was a truck driver for 5C's Farm of Hicksville and enjoyed fishing. He was a 1971 graduate of Fairview High School.

He was born Sept. 7, 1954, in Defiance, Ohio, the son of Richard and Donna (Kittridge) Sowers.

He married Laura Crabill on Oct. 24, 1997. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Tina Holman of Paulding, Ohio, Sara and Paul Prescott of Hicksville and Nina Sowers of Butler; three stepchildren, Tina Leverton of Hicksville and Michael and Melissa Leverton of Garrett; seven grandchildren; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Linda of Defiance, Ohio, and Ed and Claudia of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Richie and Ryan; and a wife, Kay Sowers.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville, with Larry Weller officiating. Burial will be at Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6–8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Smith & Brown Funeral Home or the American Heart Association.

Judith Colandino

GARRETT — Judith A. "Judy" (Stock) Colandino, 68, of Garrett died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Colandino

Born in Indianapolis, she was a cake decorator at Kroger in Auburn for nine years and was a Mary Kay consultant.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 178, Eagles 1357, Elks 1447, Moose Lodge 566 and the Red Hat Society of Garrett and was secretary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1892.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda M. Minnich of Burleson, Texas; two stepdaughters, Anna Marie Stewart of El Paso, Texas, and Tina Louise Harris of Dallas, Texas; two sons, Bill W. Minnich of Wolf Lake and John W. Minnich of Avilla; three brothers, James W. Stock and John F. Stock, both of Angola, and Jeffrey L. Stock of South Carolina; and a sister, Jamiee K. Kryling of Troy, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph A. Colandino, and a son, Wade C. Minnich, who died in 1990.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

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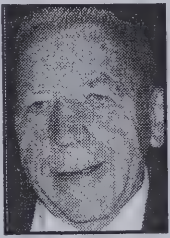
Jack Holthues

EDON, Ohio — Jack Holthues, 77, of Edon, Ohio, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, shortly after admittance to Community Hospitals and Wellness Center in Montpelier, Ohio.


Mr. Holthues

Mr. Holthues was a farmer and was employed by the Edon Farmers Co-op for 26 years as manager of the Blakeslee branch and as assistant manager at the Edon location. He then was employed by Edon Northwest Schools as a custodian and bus driver for 19 years. Currently he was employed by the Montpelier Auto Auction.

Mr. Holthues was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Korean conflict. He was a member of Edon American Legion Post 662, Edon Masonic Lodge 464, Bryan Eagles Lodge Aerie 2233 and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon.

He was a firefighter with the Edon-Florence Township Fire Department, serving as assistant chief and retiring with 25 years of service.. He also served with Edon EMS for several years, during which he was the first district chief.

He served seven years on the Edon Northwest School Board, was an honorary member of the Edon FFA and was a recipient of the Jerry Luce Memorial Award. He was an avid golfer and bowler.

He was born March 21, 1930, in Park County, Wyo., to Lambert and Faye (Till) Holthues.

He married Ruthanna M. Hildebrandt on March 17, 1956, in Stryker, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis Holthues of Pioneer, Ohio, and Douglas and Ann Holthues, of Wauseon, Ohio; one daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Craig Billings, of Dryden, Mich.; six grandchildren, Haley and Kristen Miller and Alexis, Ella, Jacob and Jordan Holthues; one great-grandchild, Chase Marcus Lassen, Jr.; two brothers, Carl Holthues of Edon and Neil Holthues of Montpelier; and two sisters, Wilma Entenman of Edon and his twin, Jean Orzechowski.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Violet Dawn Fuller.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon, Ohio, with the Rev. Clayton J. Bailey officiating. Burial will follow in Edon Cemetery with graveside military rites by Edon American Legion Post 662.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m in Krill Funeral Home of Edon.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon or to the Edon Northwest Schools Athletic Department.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Willis Hanna

ERLANGER, Ky. — Willis L. Hanna, 92, of Erlanger, Ky., and formerly of Angola, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in Erlanger.

Mr. Hanna had been a farmer in Steuben County.

He was born Nov. 10, 1915, in Steuben County to Waldo and Bertha (Berlien) Hanna. His wife, Virginia Hanna, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Dave Meyerrose of Union, Ky.; and two grandchildren, Deanna Meyerrose of Clawson, Mich., and Todd Meyerrose of Cambridge, Mass.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Kenneth and Keith of Angola and William of Kendallville.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Breeden YMCA.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Bertha Lewis

Mrs. Lewis

MERRIAM — Bertha I. (Kumley) Lewis, 89, a resident of Merriam and formerly of Huntertown died at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a recent hospitalization. She had been at the hospice home since Wednesday.

Mrs. Lewis moved to Huntertown in 1943 from the Wabash area and moved to Merriam in 2004 to live with her daughter, Loretta.

She was employed as a cook at the former Allen County Children's Home in Fort Wayne from 1966 to 1977, and was famous for her homemade noodles and yeast doughnuts.

Mrs. Lewis was an expert seamstress and enjoyed knitting and gardening.

She was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church and had attended Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam since 2004.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Lagro in Wabash County on Aug. 14, 1918, to William T. and Clara (Wintrode) Kumley. She spent her formative years in rural Wabash County. She was married to Glenn W. Lewis on Aug. 15, 1935, and the couple were married for 54 years. Mr. Lewis preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Stewart and Arlene Lewis of LaOtto, William and Sue Lewis of Churubusco, and Larry Lewis of Fort Wayne; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Glenna Robinson, Loretta and Walter Pedigo and Shirley Lewis, all of Churubusco, and Bettie and William Beagan of Rossville, Ga.; a sister, Lillian Gebert of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Lewis of LaOtto; 24 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, David Lewis in 2000; three brothers, Gerald Kumley in 1927, Charles Kumley in 1971, and Joe Kumley in 1998; six sisters, Velda Kumley in 1928, Hazel Rhodes in 1982, Mary Grimmer in 1987, Dorothy Woodring in 2000, Martha Loeffler in 2001 and Mildred Wade in 2005; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Lewis in 2007; three grandsons, Matthew Beagan, Karl Carpenter and Brian Lewis; and two great-grandchildren, Jasmine Fee and Joshua Carpenter.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Friday.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave a condolence, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Allen Kurtz

AUBURN — Allen L. Kurtz, 64, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008.

Mr. Kurtz was the payroll manager at ANR for 27 years, retiring in 2006. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Born Aug. 15, 1942, in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Helen W. (Linnemeir) and John W. Kurtz.

Surviving are his wife, Sally (Lincoln) Kurtz; two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Jim Wensits and Leslie and Sean Hofherr; a brother and sister-in-law, John and June Kurtz Jr.; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Wayne Henry; a sister-in-law, Betty Kurtz; and four grandchildren, Derrick and Allison Wensits and Alec and Madison Hofherr.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Norma Zahm and Mary Davis, and a brother, Donald Kurtz.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Dunbar officiating.

Calling also from Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 3, 2008, Thursday

Michelle Mojica

KIMMELL — Michelle L. MoJica, 31, of Kimmell, died Saturday, December 22, 2007 from injuries sustained in a car accident on US 33 and 725 West in Ligonier.

Mrs. Mojica

Michelle was currently going to school to become a registered nurse. She lived in Avilla for 12 years, then moving to Wolcottville and Cromwell. Then recently had lived in Kimmell. Michelle also attended East Noble High Scholl in Kendallville. She enjoyed to read, go to movies, being outdoors, walking, spending time with her son and helping people.

Michelle was born on January 11, 1976 in Kendallville to Darrell McDonald and Deborah (Lothamer) Estrada. Her mother survives in Kimmell and her father passed away in 1986. On October 6, 2001, in Wawaka, she married Edward Mojica, and he survives.

Other survivors include her son, Hulices Mojica, at home; a sister, Mindy McDonald, and her boyfriend Michael Ostrander; three nieces, Destiny Ostrander, Cynthia Seber and Elizabeth Seber; three nephews, David Seber, Dylan Seber and Tanner Seber. Other survivors include her best friend, Tessa Seber, of Tennesse; her stepfather, Raul Estrada; a former stepfather, Kevin Coy; paternal Grandmother, Evelyn Mc Donald, of Kendallville; and her maternal Grandmother, Beverly Jean Lothamer, of Fort Wayne.

Visitation was Tuesday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Additional calling was held prior to services on Wednesday.

Funeral Services were Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at the funeral home. Burial followed at St. Marys Catholic Church Cemetary in Avilla.

Memorials to be made to the family.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Clark L. Bradley

FORT WAYNE — Clark L. Bradley, 54, a resident of Fort Wayne, passed away unexpectedly and was found at his residence on Sunday, December 30, 2007.

Mr. Bradley was born in Fort Wayne on May 26, 1953, a son of John C. II and Martha E. (Bowers) Bradley. He graduated from Northside High School in 1971, and was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne.

He was a member of American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.

Clark enjoyed his life, and was fiercely independent. He loved being with his family, playing poker, and exercising. All who knew him knew of his great sense of humor. Clark was a blessing in all our lives.

The surviving relatives include his father John C. Bradley II of Cromwell; three brothers John C. Bradley III of Albion, Scott M. (Mary) Bradley and Ross M. Bradley, both of Cromwell; a sister Connie Bradley of Churubusco; three nieces; four nephews; and ten great nieces and nephews.

His mother preceded him in death on July 4, 2000.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Friday, January 4, 2008, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Terry Sturges, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary today, Thursday, from 6 to 8 p. m.

Interment will be in the Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Turnstone Center, 3320 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Bradley's memory, please visit www.sheetsandchilds.net

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 4, 2008, Friday

Toll-road crash claims 2 lives

ORLAND — Two students from Bowling Green State University in Ohio were killed in a wreck this morning on the Indiana Toll Road just inside Steuben County, Indiana State Police said.

Though a determination has not been made, the snowy weather may have been a contributing factor.

The eastbound rental van in which the six students were traveling lost control at about 12:20 a.m. today and went into the median, rolling at least twice, said Cpl. Derek Fisher.

"We don't know what caused the vehicle to go into the median but at the time of the crash the roads were snow covered," Fisher said.

Two female students, ages 25 and 26, were ejected from the van. One of the women was found underneath the van after it was uprighted by members of Orland Fire Rescue. The other woman was thrown into the westbound lanes of the toll road and was believed to be run over by another vehicle. She was taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and later died. No names have been released pending notification of family.

The other four students in the vehicle were male. Two were not injured and the other two sustained minor head injuries and were taken to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola for treatment. All of the students in the van ranged from 24 to 26 years of age.

Fisher said the students' affiliation with the university was not known. They were not believed to be affiliated with an athletic team. "Not to our knowledge," Fisher said.

A check of the BGSU online master calendar did not indicate what group may have been traveling through Indiana over the holiday.

The wreck occurred near the 135 mile marker, about two miles east of the Steuben-LaGrange border. Orland Fire Rescue crews spent more than an hour and a half at the scene battling the elements. They were assisted by officials with the Steuben County Emergency Medical Service, Steuben County Sheriff's Department, Fremont Fire Department, Indiana State Police, Indiana Toll Road Maintenance and the Steuben County Coroner.

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January 4, 2008, Friday

Isabelle Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Isabelle Miller, 88, of Middlebury died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at the home of a daughter in Michigan.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and had done secretarial work for her father.

She was an active member of Middlebury Church of the Brethren, where she was organist for 55 years, and had been a member of the Middlebury Home Economics Club for 67 years.

Mrs. Miller was active in the lives of her children as a Sunday school teacher, choir director, Den mother and Scout leader.

She was born March 29, 1919, in Elkhart to William and Bertha (Meador) Sigerfoos. She married Herman Miller on Sept. 4, 1976. He died Oct. 28, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters, Jeannine Talley of White Pigeon, Mich., and Joy Hardin of Indianapolis; a son, John Eby of Blue Springs, Mo.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Harold, Don and William Sigerfoos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Barnes

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Ann Barnes, 72, of Kendallville and Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center where she lived the past three years.

Mrs. Barnes graduated from Huntertown High School in 1953. She lived in Carthage, Mo., for 24 years before returning to this area.

She had worked as a home healthcare aide.

Mrs. Barnes was a former member of the Eastern Star in LaOtto.

She loved raising and riding horses.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 30, 1935, to James M. and Eunice Estella (Maxfield) Cushing. They are deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jane Gienger of Upton, Mass.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura and Rusty Carteaux of Avilla and Julie Gienger of Yokahamo, Japan; and five grandchildren, Derek Dahlman of Fort Wayne, Zane Anderson of Avilla, and Elizabeth, Michael and Kyla Gienger, all of Upton.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, James Cushing.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen Martin

LIGONIER — Helen Martin, 73, of Ligonier died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at her home surrounded by her family. She had been in declining health since September 2007.

Mrs. Martin had been a finisher at Silgan Plastics, retiring after 25 years.

She enjoyed quilting, gardening and attending services at Salem Baptist Church in Rome City where she had been a member for 32 years.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1934, in Kentucky to Colombus and Zillia Bates. She married Darwin Martin in April 1953. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Treva Martin of Kimmell and Don and Len Martin of Lexington, Ky.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Tom Lynch of Frankfort, Ky., and Lavonne and Mike Hettler of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight sisters, Reathel Williams, Hazel Mitchell, Wanda Lee Underwood, Maxie Welch, Angie Bates, Rose Baker, Jennifer Cook and Veronica Richardson.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem Baptist Church in Rome City with Pastor Bill Tuttle officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers will be Timothy Taylor, Tom Lynch, Mac Martin, Mike Hettler, Jeremy Ramey and Dave Sprague.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at the church with a special service at 6 p.m.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

To send online condolences or to sign an online guest book, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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January 4, 2008, Friday

Dorene Maier

ANGOLA — Dorene Irene (Creager) Maier, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Maier worked in the dietary department at Cameron Hospital and Elmhurst Hospital. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Orland American Legion Auxilary and George Anspaugh Post VFW Auxilary No. 7205.

Mrs. Maier was born Sept. 3, 1920, in Steuben County to Lemuel and Nellie (Winebar) Creager. She married Kenneth Maier of Angola on Aug. 3, 1946. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth K. Maier Jr. of Elkhart and Larry W. Maier of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Alan Wiggin of Pembroke, Mass., and Vicki and Ron Northup of LaGrange; one brother, Eugene Creager of Angola; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Leon Creager; and two sisters, Blanche Boyce and Hazel Franks.

Family will greet friends at an open house Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. There will be no other services.

Margaret Simpson

LAGRANGE — Margaret M. Simpson, 86, of LaGrange died at 11:25 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

James Wheeler

FREMONT — James Gene Wheeler, 47, of Fremont died at home on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, after a short illness.

Mr. Wheeler spent 10 years in Texas working in construction. He helped build many high-rise structures. In the 1980s he returned to Michigan and worked in construction for a few more years before retiring. He also worked at the Auburn Foundry in Auburn and General Aluminum in Fremont.

Mr. Wheeler enjoyed fishing and watching sports with his brother, Larry.

He was born Dec. 14, 1960, in Coldwater, Mich., to Guy and Wilma (Goshorn) Wheeler. They survive.

Also surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Guy Fred and Linda Wheeler Jr. of Coldwater, Larry and Ali Wheeler of Fremont and Michael and MartyJo Wheeler of Montgomery, Mich.; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Joann Wheeler of Bronson, Mich., and Mary Ann and Dan Haaser of Angola; 10 nieces and nephews and two great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Hubert Wheeler and Iantha (Wheeler) McDonald; and his maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Bernice Goshorn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater. Burial will be at East Gilead Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Visit www.gillespiefh.com to leave a message or condolences to the family.

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Sandra Taylor

GARRETT — Sandra J. Taylor, 62, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at her home in Garrett with her family, friends and beloved pets by her side.

She worked as a janitor for Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 25 years, and she loved to gamble.

Ms. Taylor

She was born Jan. 30, 1945, in Auburn to Estil E. and Thelma (Easterday) Taylor. Her father survives in Auburn, and her mother preceded her in death.

Surviving are her life partner, Sammy C. Simmons of Garrett; a daughter, Tasha A. Simmons of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Denny L. and Nancy Taylor of Mount Rest, S.C.; two nephews, Chad L. Taylor and Todd A. Taylor and his wife, Melanie; a great-nephew, Tyson Taylor, and a great-niece, Jaylynn Taylor.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn. Father Rick Leone will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to her family.

Vernon Stutzman

MIDDLEBURY — Vernon Stutzman, 70, of Middlebury died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at Good Shepherd Hospice Residential Center in Auburndale, Fla.

Mr. Stutzman was born June 25, 1937.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Lewis Gump

BUTLER — Lewis R. Gump, 76, of Butler died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gump retired from Universal Tool as a tool and die maker in 1990, after 29 years of service. He also owned Gump Snow Removal and was a painter.

He was born Jan. 6, 1931, in Waterloo to Roy and Lavina (Lockwood) Gump. He married Joyce Miller on April 12, 1952, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Gump, and Ricky and Sherry Gump, all of Butler; two sisters, Ruth Hall of Fort Wayne, and Deloris Reese of Auburn; five grandchildren, Nina Evanoff of Butler, Tracey Gump of Ashley, Susan Shuman of Moscow, Idaho, and Justin and Seth Gump of Butler; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Ellen; and three sisters, Lorene Woodcock, Dorothy Wilcox and Orlena Saunders.

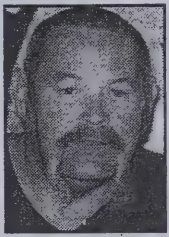
Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Butler Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Rick Stoner

KENDALLVILLE — Rick Aaron Stoner, 55, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Stoner was retired from Kraft Foods where he had worked for 20 years.


Mr. Stoner

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post No. 159 in Hartford City. He played Babe Ruth baseball when he was younger and enjoyed playing pool. He was a Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiast, and named his dog "Harley" after the motorcycle.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1951, in Hartford City to Norman Jr. and Virginia "Ginny" Lee (Winget) Stoner. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son, Travis Stoner of Kendallville; a brother, Randy Stoner of Hartford City; a sister and brother-in-law, Norma and Raymond Decker of Van Buren; and one nephew.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert "Bob" Stoner Sr.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday, Jan. 12, from 2 to 6 p.m. at American Legion Post No. 86, in Kendallville. The Sons of the American Legion will held a memorial service at 5 p.m.

A service also will be held Sunday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m. at Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City.

Calling will be held an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Jan. 20.

Memorials are to the Sons of the American Legion Post No. 159.

Condolences may be left at www.keplingerfuneralhome.com.

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Ann Antrup

AUBURN — Ann B. Antrup, 83, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Antrup had worked at Souders in Auburn and McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She had resided in the Kendallville and Auburn areas most of her life. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Butler.

She was born Dec. 1, 1924, in Corunna to William and Nora (Morrison) Kessler. Both preceded her in death. She married George Antrup in LaGrange. He died in 2003.

She is survived by two sons, Robert and Richard Antrup, both of Auburn; a daughter, Lou Ann Antrup of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a brother, D. Richard Kessler of Washington; and a sister, Helen Carpenter of Bowling Green, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a son, James Antrup; a daughter, Virginia Stanley; three brothers, Willis Kessler, Marion Kessler and Robert Kessler; and a sister, Mary Ellen Kessler.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ray Warner officiating. Burial will take place in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be held two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Doris Maier

ANGOLA — Doris Irene (Creager) Maier, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Maier worked in the dietary department at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and Elmhurst Hospital. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Orland American Legion Auxilary and George Anspaugh Post VFW Auxiliary No. 7205.

Mrs. Maier was born Sept. 3, 1920, in Steuben County to Lemuel and Nellie (Winebar) Creager. She married Kenneth Maier of Angola on Aug. 3, 1946. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth K. Maier Jr. of Elkhart and Larry W. Maier of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Alan Wiggin of Pembroke, Mass., and Vicki and Ron Northup of LaGrange; one brother, Eugene Creager of Angola; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Leon Creager; and two sisters, Blanche Boyce and Hazel Franks.

Family will greet friends at an open house today from 2-4 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. There will be no other services.

Margaret Simpson

LAGRANGE — Margaret M. Simpson, 86, of LaGrange died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Simpson was first a homemaker, then worked as a mail carrier for the Shipshewana Post Office.

She enjoyed gardening.

She was born Sept. 13, 1921, in Shipshewana to Hugh and Orpha (Nelson) Easterday. She married Robert Simpson on July 5, 1941, in Crown Point. He died on Feb. 16, 1984.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and John Smits of Sturgis, Mich., Tammie Shoup and Kevin Koontz and Sandy and Steve Keenan, all of Goshen; a brother, Ernest Easterday of Mendon, Mich.; and a granddaughter, Nicole Keenan of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Maurice, Lyle and Paul Easterday; and two sisters, Betty Hostetler and Gladys Conner.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Shipshewana United Methodist Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Charles McPeek officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 5, 2008, Saturday

Pleasant Stickler

PIERCETON — Pleasant Guy "Skeet" Stickler, 88, of Pierceton died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stickler owned and operated the Standard Oil Station in Pierceton for many years. He built another gas station in Larwill, and stockyards in Clunette and Bippus. He also built the Stickler Mobile Home Park. He served in Europe during World War II, in the Army.

He was a member of Pierceton Masonic Lodge No. 377 for 50 years, a member of American Legion Post No. 258 in Pierceton and American Legion Post No. 98 in Columbia City.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1919, in Peabody to Henry and Leta (Herran) Stickler. He married Edith Bowman on Aug. 10, 1947. She died Oct. 29, 1997.

He is survived by two daughters, Leta Perry of Columbia City, and Laura McKee of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Michelle, Jacob, Jerod, Emily, Megan, David, Sandra and Victoria; and four great-grandchildren, Katie, Dawson, Jeremiah and Jordan.

He was also preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Pierceton, with the Rev. Steve Mullins officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton, with military honors by American Legion posts 258 and 98.

As a memorial, Mr. Stickler requested that people take a best friend out for a nice dinner and have good thoughts of memories gone by.

Condolences may be left at www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

Barney Kelley

KENDALLVILLE — Barney Kelley of Kendallville died Friday at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 6, 2008, Sunday

Family remembers 'brilliant,' loving, spiritual Dean Mayer

BY JIM SHILANDER
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SNOW LAKE — Steven Mayer said his father, Dean Mayer, always tried to provide lessons to his five children, but didn't stop with just showing or telling them what to do.

"He taught us a lot, but he also lived what he taught," Mayer said.

Dean Mayer passed away Nov. 25, 2007, in Angola. He had lived at Snow Lake in Fremont since 1987, along with his wife of 56 years, Marjorie.

While he worked as an engineer in Alliance, Ohio, for 36 years as a research specialist. Mayer's passion, his son said, was working with younger people in the Boy Scouts. He earned the Lexington Ruritan Outstanding Scoutmaster Award in 1972.

"It was very important to him," Steven said. "He was a Boy Scout himself, until he was called into the Army. He had three sons become Eagle Scouts. He thought it was very important because it taught a lot of good moral values and a lot of good skills."

Marjorie Mayer said she and her husband were involved with Scouting even before they had children.

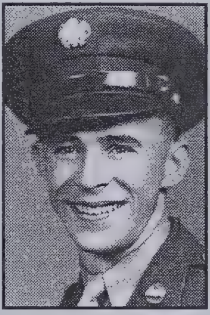
"He served on the committee that helped run the Scouts, and we would take boys to the camp every year," she said. "He was quite dedicated to the Scouts, he really believed in it."

Steven Mayer said his father would go the extra mile for his troop.

"He would go out on overnight camps with us in sub-zero weather, with no heater or heated tent or anything like that. A lot of fathers 10 years younger would say 'no way.'"

Dean Mayer actually had fought cold before. During his time in the service in Europe during World War II, he suffered frostbite in both feet after being pinned down in a foxhole under enemy fire. He was awarded two Bronze Stars, a combat infantry medal, a sharpshooter's medal and multiple theater medals. He was active in several veterans organizations, including both the Angola Legion, where he served as a member of the honor guard, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he served on a scholarship committee.

Though he lived with the disability all of his life, he didn't let it affect what he did, his son said. He continued to hike, ride snowmobiles and participate in other activities until just before his death.


Mr. Mayer earned medals in World War II.

"There wasn't much he was afraid to do," Steven Mayer said.

Mayer developed several patents for the Babcock and Wilcox Research Center in Alliance, where he worked.

"He helped to make their products more efficient," Steven said. He described his father as "brilliant," when it came to science.

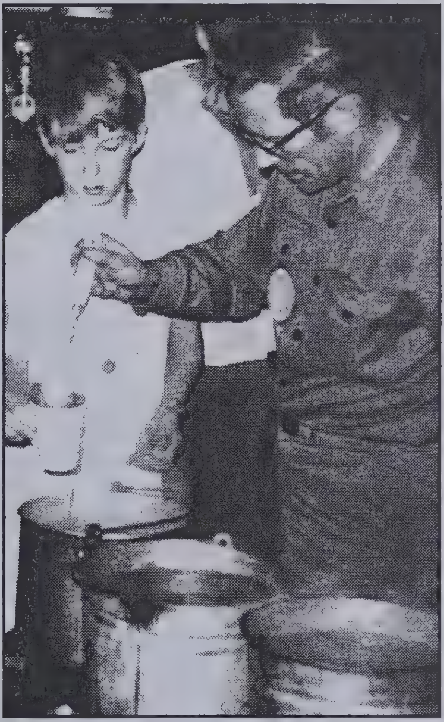
"You could ask him virtually anything in the sciences and he'd know it off hand," he said.

It was at home though, that Dean and Marjorie made the biggest impression, Steven said.

"They showed us what a warm, loving family should be," he said. "They taught us how good a family could be."

This extended as his children grew up, Steven said.

"My brothers, my sister and I have all shown the lessons he taught us by the way we've been able to succeed in our lives. He also prided himself on the fact that his kids and grandchildren got along and did things together."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Mr. Mayer received an award as an outstanding Scoutmaster in 1972.

Marjorie said that part came naturally.

"We loved each other, and that extended to the children, and it's good that they were able to see that," she said. "We met after he graduated from college through mutual friends. It didn't take us long to realize we belonged together."

Mayer's faith was an incredibly important part of his life, Marjorie said. "It was very important. We rarely missed going to church on Sunday."

Dean Mayer also served as a chaplain for both the Legion and VFW chapters, she said.

"He lived his life the way Christ would have wanted him to," Steven said.

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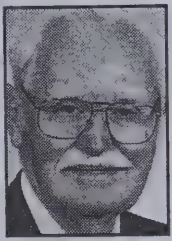
Lynn Dunn

AUBURN — Lynn W. Dunn, 90, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Dunn was a locomotive engineer for the B&O and CSX railroads for 39 years, retiring in May 1981.


Mr. Dunn

He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather whose occupation as a railroad engineer was his passion. A great gardener, he loved the outdoors and enjoyed traveling.

He was a member of the United Transportation Union for more than 50 years and was a 60-year member of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

He was born April 7, 1917, in Waterloo to John H. and Lida C. (Johnson) Dunn.

He married Virginia (Waite) Dunn on July 1, 1938, in Detroit. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary M. and Susan Dunn and Richard C. and Shirley Dunn, all of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Lynda D. and Guy Lane Smith of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Brian Smith and his wife, Janelle, Daniel Smith, Gregory Smith, Ryan Dunn and Laura Dunn; and one great-granddaughter, Victoria Smith.

He was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Tyler Smith, and a sister, Helen E. Strock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Dale Williams and the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, where a Knights of Pythias service wlll be Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Vaughn Truelove

ANGOLA — Services for Vaughn Truelove, 95, are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Truelove, of West Otter Lake, near Angola, died Saturday morning, Jan. 5, 2008, at his winter home in St. Petersburg, Fla. with his daughters by his side. His surviving daughters are Jane Potter of Avilla, Janis Penick of Hudson and Nyla Ebey of Witmer Lake, Wolcottville.

James Wheeler

FREMONT — James Gene Wheeler, 47, of Fremont, died at his home Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, after a short illness.

Mr. Wheeler spent 10 years in Texas working in construction. He helped build many high-rises. In the mid 1980s he returned to Michigan and worked in construction for a few more years before retiring. He also worked at the Auburn Foundry and at General Aluminum in Fremont. He loved to go fishing and watch sports with his brother, Larry.

He was born Dec. 14, 1960, in Coldwater, Mich., to Guy and Wilma (Goshorn) Wheeler. They survive in Coldwater.

Also surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Guy Fred Jr. and Linda Wheeler of Coldwater, Mich., Larry and Ali Wheeler of Fremont and Michael and MartyJo Wheeler of Montgomery, Mich.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Joann Wheeler of Bronson, Mich., and Mary Ann and Dan Haaser of Angola; 10 nieces and nephews and 12 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Hubert Wheeler and Iantha (Wheeler) McDonald, and his maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Bernice Goshorn.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater, Mich. Burial will be at East Gilead Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To leave a message or condolences to the family, visit www.gillespiefh.com.

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Harley Miller

LAGRANGE — Harley E.L. Miller, 66, of LaGrange, died unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer. He moved to Indiana from Illinois in 1966. He was a member of Grace Christian Fellowship in Sturgis, Mich., and enjoyed riding his motorcycle, hunting, fishing, family time and traveling.

He was born July 1, 1941 in Arthur, Ill., to the late Eli J.K. and Elizabeth (Plank) Miller.

On April 27, 1967, he married Salome B. (Brandenberger) in New Haven. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Nathan Wickey of LaGrange, JoAnn and Brian Alleshouse of Howe, Linda and Jerry Whetstone of Shipshewana and Sherill and Edward Habedank of Sturgis, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael S. and Geina Miller of LaGrange; 11 grandchildren, one sister, Ruby Yoder of Arthur, Ill., and three brothers, Velvon Miller of LaGrange, Wilbur Miller of Middlebury and Marlon Miller of Arthur, Ill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. Pastor Ross L. Gerber will officiate. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at Shore Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice in Mr. Miller's name.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Delia Collie

ANGOLA — Delia Ellen "Dee" Frisinger Collie, 80, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in Angola.

Mrs. Collie was a library aide at Pleasant Lake School in Pleasant Lake. She was a lifelong member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

A member of the Angola Garden Club, she loved gardening, singing, sewing and following the activities of her children and grandchildren.

She was born Oct. 21, 1927, in Michigan City to Jacob McKee and Maude (Braun) Fisher.

She married Ralph Frisinger on March 26, 1952. He died in 1982. She then married Robert Collie, who died in 1992.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry and Donna Frisinger of Rochester and Rolla and Shannon Frisinger of Coldwater, Mich.; one daughter and son-in-law, Aimee and Nate Simons of Fremont; six grandchildren, Ryan and Courtney Frisinger, Natalie Shoemaker and her husband, Nathan Shoemaker, Kylee and Jacob Simons and Rykert Frisinger; and one special niece, Pam Hantz of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ned Fisher, and three sisters, Pauline Beckes, Martha Wright and Margaret Morgan.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice of Angola.

James Strombeck

VENICE, Fla. — James Richard Strombeck, 83, of Venice, Fla., died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at the Englewood Hospital in Englewood, Fla.

Mr. Strombeck had been a real estate broker in the DeKalb-Allen County area for many years and had farmed in DeKalb County before retiring in Florida.

He was involved in basketball at Spencerville High School and also in leagues as an adult. He also played softball, bowled on leagues in Auburn and coached little league. He loved to fish for walleye and northern pike in the lakes of Ontario.

He was born May 14, 1924, in Fort Wayne to John Otto and Elizabeth (Buelow) Strombeck.

Surviving are two daughters, Claudia Winn of Auburn and Kay Brown of Billings, Mont.; one son, Kyle of St. Joe; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and two former wives, Lois Collins of Auburn and Jeannine Strombeck of Venice.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Kenneth, Paul, Herbert and John; and three sisters, Jeanne Etzler, Hilda Lamie and Catherine Kramer.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

Memorials are to the church.

Lemon Bay Funeral Home, Venice Chapel, is handling arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include information about calling hours.*

Pleasant Guy Stickler

PIERCETON — Pleasant Guy "Skeet" Stickler, 88, of Pierceton died Friday morning, Jan. 4, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stickler owned and operated the Standard Oil Station in Pierceton for many years. He built another gas station in Larwill in 1950 and stockyards in Clunette and Bippus. He also built Stickler Mobile Home Park in 1966.

He served five years in the Army in Europe during World War II, receiving an honorable discharge as a first lieutenant. He was a member of Pierceton Masonic Lodge No. 377 for 50 years and a member of American Legion Post No. 258 in Pierceton and American Legion Post No. 98 in Columbia City.

He was born Feb. 24, 1919, in Peabody to Henry Otto and Leta (Herran) Stickler.

He married Edith M. Bowman on Aug. 10, 1947. She died Oct. 29, 1997.

Also surviving are two daughters, Leta M. Perry of Columbia City and Laura M. McKee of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Michelle, Jacob, Jerod, Emily, Megan, David, Sandra and Victoria; and four great-grandchildren, Katie, Dawson, Jeremiah and Jordan.

He was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Pierceton, with Pastor Steve Mullins officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton, with military honors by American Legion Posts 258 and 98.

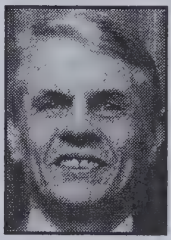
Calling will be today from 1-5 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

As a memorial, Mr. Stickler requests that people take a best friend out for a nice dinner and have good thoughts of memories gone by.

Condolences may be left at www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

Barney Kelley

KENDALLVILLE — Barney A. Kelley, 74, of Kendallville, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.


Mr. Kelley

Mr. Kelley was employed as a security guard for Kraft Foods and Tomco Plastics. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Wolcottville and was known for giving out "Our Daily Bread" devotionals to anyone he would meet.

He was born in Evansville on March 30, 1933, and lived most of his life in Kendallville.

Survivors include his friends, Jerry and Lara Miller of Harlan.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastor Robert Farmer will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Gerald McLallin

LIGONIER — Gerald W. McLallin, 85, of Ligonier died of natural causes at 9:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at Northridge Village in Albion.

He was a farmer for over 50 years and drove school buses for West Noble Community Schools for 16 years.

Mr. McLallin

Mr. McLallin was a lifelong member of the Sparta Church and served his country in the U.S. Marines from 1944-45 during World War II. He was a member of the Cromwell/Sparta Township American Legion Post No. 421 from 1945-1985, during which time he served as chaplain and in the color guard. From 1985-2008, he was a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post No. 243, where he also served in the color guard.

He was also a member of the Lions Club for 55 years, serving as president five times. He was named Lion of the Year twice and received the WP Woods Award.

He was born June 21, 1922, in York Township to Lawrence and Lura (Steller) McLallin.

He married Patricia A. Warford on June 20, 1943. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Dianne McLallin of Kendallville; four daughters and four sons-in-law, Penelope and Art Johnson of Indianapolis, Paula Routson of Freeport, Ill., Pia and Dan Brauser of Irving, Texas, Peggy and Eric Genshaw of Syracuse, and Ned Gardner of Buchanan, Mich.; two brothers, Justin McLallin of Kokomo and Lindy McLallin of Wolcottville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bonita and J.D. Geiger of North Webster and Joan Spencer of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Prudence Gardner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E. 1000N, Syracuse, with the Rev. Curryanne Hostetler and the Rev. Richard Rensner officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with full military rites.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lions Noble County Foundation or the Prudence E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishler-funeralhomes.com.

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Jack Kelham

AUBURN — Jack E. Kelham, 73, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in his home.

Mr. Kelham

He was manager of LaOtto Feed and Grain and retired from Foamex in Auburn as a millwright. He was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Kelham was born July 5, 1934, to Joseph S. and Jeanette (Saylor) Kelham on a southwestern DeKalb County farm.

He was a 1952 graduate of Huntertown High School and attended Michigan State University on a basketball scholarship.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bonnie (Forrest) Kelham.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandy Kelham of Columbia City and Susan and Michael Williams of Leo; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Bret Kelham and Brian Kelham, both of Butler, and Benjamin and Julie Kelham of LaOtto; one brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Sue Kelham of Garrett; one sister and brother-in-law, Jennie and John DePaolo of Garrett; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Brad A. Kelham, and a sister, Patricia Kendig.

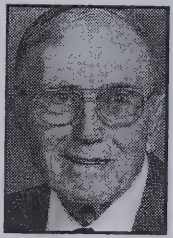
Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Kathy Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kaleb Kelham Muscular Dystrophy Fund in care of Garrett State Bank and to Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Vaughn Truelove

ANGOLA — Vaughn Elsworth Truelove, 95, of West Otter Lake near Angola died at his winter home in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, with his three daughters and a granddaughter by his side.



Mr. Truelove

Mr. Truelove had been a farmer in Noble County most of his life.

He originated and co-owned Truelove Brothers Farm Equipment in Albion from 1938 until the mid-1990s.

Mr. Truelove was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion and Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

He was a 1929 graduate of LaOtto High School.

Mr. Truelove was born in Avilla on May 2, 1912, to Albert and Lorena (Simon) Truelove. He married Beatrice Flossie Bauman on Feb. 4, 1933, in Kendallville. She died Aug. 1, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jane Ellen and Ivan Potter of Avilla, Janis Ann Penick of Hudson and Nyla Jean and Ottnel Ebey of Witmer Lake near Wolcottville; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lawrence Truelove; and two sisters, Pearl Truelove and Grace Friskney.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion with the Rev. Thelma Megill-Cobbler, STS, officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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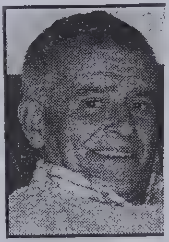
Vernon Stutzman

MIDDLEBURY — Vernon Stutzman, 70, of Middlebury died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at Good Shepherd Hospice Residential Center in Auburndale, Fla.

Mr. Stutzman had been ill for a year with cancer.



Mr. Stutzman

He was the retired co-owner of Rite Way Steel Inc. of Elkhart.

Mr. Stutzman was a 1955 graduate of Topeka High School.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Ligonier, Moose Lodge in Goshen and the American Legion in both Winter Haven, Fla., and Middlebury.

He was born June 25, 1937, in Lockport, N.Y., to Dan and Edna (Miller) Stutzman. He married Harriet Dunn on Aug. 21, 1972. She died Dec. 30, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Dina and Miles Furnish of Fishers and Jody Bloss of Goshen; a foster son, Terry Schrock of Logansport; three grandsons; three foster grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Leo and Karen Stutzman of Brandon, Fla.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. John Swartzfager officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Beverly Blood

WARSAW — Beverly Ann Blood, 76, of Warsaw died at 11:50 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at Grace Village Rehabilitation at Winona Lake.

Mrs. Blood was a former resident of Kendallville, Muncie and Valparaiso.

She had retired as the school psychologist at the Warsaw Community School System.

Mrs. Blood had a bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in education from Ball State University.

She was born Dec. 4, 1931, in DeKalb County to Marlton and Daisy (Tritch) Schumaker.

Surviving are her husband of 16 years, Robert Blakeley of Warsaw; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Robert Turnbull of Fort Wayne and Annice and Ron Casey of Lafayette; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rex and Lori Church of Muncie and Max Church of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Melissa Culbertson of LaPorte; a sister, Jean Reinoehl; a brother, Heber Shumaker; an ex-husband, Jay Church of Munice; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a husband, Kenn Blood in 1978; a sister; and four brothers.

Private services will be at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home in Warsaw.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Healthcare & Hospice, 920 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580 or Grace Village Rehabilitation, 337 Grace Village Drive, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Lucinda Loucks

ANGOLA — Lucinda Lane Loucks, 60, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Loucks had worked at Tenneco Automotive, Angola, for 25 years.

She enjoyed her family, gardening, cats, fishing and reading.

Mrs. Loucks

She was born in Marion on Feb. 24, 1947, to Dwight and Kathryn (Lane) Jones. She married Terry Loucks on Sept. 4, 1987, in Angola. He survives.

She is also survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Angelique and Curt Friend of Orland, Jessica Cronin of Angola, and Annette and Dave Sparrow of Crawfordsville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joshua and Natascha Cronin of Fossil, Ore., Thomas Carter of Pensacola, Fla., and Brian and Katrina Loucks of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Douglas and Virginia Jones of Camp Verde, Ariz., two sisters and brothers-in-law, Diana and Carey Sattison of Angola, and Barbara and Willie Bridge of Camp Verde; five grandchildren, Daniele and Bo Kurtz, Levi Friend, Sarah Springer and Tyler Loucks; and two great-grandchildren.

Family and friends may visit with the family at 711 Mohawk Drive in Angola Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Alice Porter

GARRETT — Alice J. Porter, 86, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

She worked for Hubbard Spool Co. in Garrett for several years, retiring in 1983.

She was born Nov. 8, 1921, in Auburn, to Charles Emerson and Edna Daisy (Peckhart) Refner.

Surviving are two sons, Jackie Porter of Butler and Alfred Porter of Corunna; two brothers, Jack Refner of Ashley and Larry Refner of Waterloo; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; several stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a longtime companion, Robert W. Brown; a brother, Charles "Brick" Refner; and five sisters, Mary Webb, Edith McNamara, Dorothy Watkins, Bonnie Sharp and Angeline "Angie" Smith.

Private family services will be Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

There will be no public calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Nora Spencer

KENDALLVILLE — Nora Ann Spencer, 95, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She had been an assembler at General Electric. She had retired nearly 30 years ago.

She was a member of the ELEX Club at G.E. and Wayne Street Methodist Church.

She was born April 3, 1912, in Traverse City, Mich., to Charles and Margaret (Royal) Spencer.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Jacob

ANGOLA — Dorothy Ruth "Ruthie" Jacob, 87, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Jacob was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and served as church secretary. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and Sewing Circles, and taught pre-school at the church for many years. She was a member of the Angola Garden Club, and worked on the flowers used to decorate the mound. She was a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels, and was a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the Angola Book Review Club. She enjoyed playing bridge and other card games.

She was born Sept. 13, 1920, in Chicago, to Otis Allen and Claudia Ruth (Snyder) Green. Both preceded her in death. She married G. Wendell Jacob on Dec. 5, 1942. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Lorraine Jacob of Walkerton; a sister, Margery Alice Hussey of Homewood, Ill.; two grandchildren and their spouses, Kathryn Ruth and Steven Lawson, and Adam Kyle and Kelly Ann Jacob; and two great-grandchildren, Morgan Elizabeth and Cameron Alexander Lawson.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Patty, and brothers Robert Russell and James William Green.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 8, 2008, Tuesday

Lewis Boocher

ANGOLA — Lewis Boocher, 85, of Angola and formerly of Orland and Burr Oak, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, in Angola.

He was born July 14, 1922.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl Boocher

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Kimberly Patches

CROMWELL — Kimberly Sue (Woodworth) Patches, 48, died at 9:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at her home in Cromwell.

She moved to the area nine years ago from Columbus, Ohio. She had served as the park assistant at Shady Acres Mobile Home Park in Cromwell for a year and a half.

She enjoyed crocheting, dancing, reading and listening to music. She collected dream catchers and cookbooks. Her greatest joy was being with her grandchildren. She was known as being a very laid-back person.

She was born Nov. 8, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio, to Ronald Lee Woodworth Sr. and Sonja (Spencer) Colden. Her father is deceased and her mother and stepfather, Sonja and Rudy Colden, survive in Cromwell.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jess Willard and Shena Collins of Cromwell; four daughters and a son-in-law, Misty Leah-Rae and Larry Bentley of Topeka, Mindi Marie Collins and her boyfriend, Cecil Jenkins, of Waverly, Ohio, and Jacklyn Ann Dingess and Alicia Ann Collins, both of Riverhead, N.Y.; two special boys in her life, Tyler and Cody Feightner; 22 grandchildren; two brothers, Ronald Lee Woodworth Jr. of Ontario, Canada, and David Kelly Woodworth of Cromwell; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kerri Kay and Bryan Bell of Corunna and Kristi Gay and Ronald L. Peak of Wawaka; and her maternal grandmother, Virginia Spellman of Albion.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Coroner confirms single bullet killed 2

BY MATT GETTS
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CROMWELL — The Noble County coroner confirmed this morning that a single bullet killed two residents of a Shady Acres Mobile Home Park home.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said this morning officials in Allen County were going to rule Shane Feightner, 40, died as a result of a suicidal gunshot wound to the head.

The incident occurred Saturday shortly before 9:15 p.m. at Lot 207 in the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park near Cromwell.

After the shot struck Feightner, fragments hit Kimberly Patches, 48, in the chest, killing her.

"She was shot with the same bullet," Gaff said.

Her death has been ruled an accidental homicide. The term homicide is used, Gaff said, whenever a death is caused by another human being.

Gaff said his findings were preliminary until results of toxicology tests come back.

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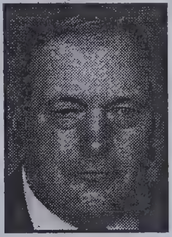
January 8, 2008, Tuesday

M. Elmer Neff

LAGRANGE — M. Elmer Neff, 86, of LaGrange died at 3:59 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.


Mr. Neff

Mr. Neff was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He was a farmer and a carpenter. He had also worked for Yoder Popcorn Co.

He was a former board member of the LaGrange County 4-H Fair and a member of Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1921, in LaGrange County to Mahlon and Mary (Kauffman) Neff. He married Martha Lou Atwater in LaGrange County on June 28, 1952. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and son-in-laws, Dianne and Philip Hostetler and Sally and Dave Hall, all of LaGrange; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Mary Bernice Trieble of Elkhart; and two brothers, Ernest Neff of Shipshewana and Wayne Neff of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Ronda Neff in 2000; a son, Craig Neff in 1993; a sister, Esther Zook; and two brothers, Vernon and Devon Neff.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner and Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

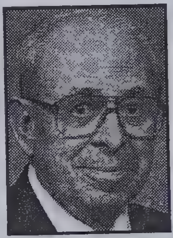
Memorials are to the Craig and Ronda Neff Scholarship Fund in care of the LaGrange County Community Foundation.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be submitted online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Norman Reed

STROH — Norman A. Reed, 89, of Stroh died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Reed

Mr. Reed retired from Flint & Walling in 1983 after 40 years of service. He was also an Electrolux salesman for many years, retiring in 2000.

He was a United States Army veteran and life member of the American Legion.

Mr. Reed was a member of Stroh Church of Christ.

He enjoyed small game hunting and fishing. He loved watching basketball and enjoyed going to his grandson's games when he played high school basketball. He also loved to play the saxophone. When he was younger, he played the saxophone in the South Milford Church of Christ orchestra. His dream was to play with the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Mr. Reed was born in Kendallville on May 31, 1918, to Harry L. and Ota (Longnecker) Reed. He married Kathryn Roberta Pierce on Dec. 23, 1942, in LaGrange. She survives in Stroh.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sheryl Skinner of South Milford; a grandson and his wife, Brandon and Ashley Skinner of Orlando, Fla.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Pat Reed of Avilla and Al and Maxine Reed of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Lee Reed.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Stroh Church of Christ with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ or Stroh Volunteer Fire Department.

View a video tribute (after Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Jack Reade

WAYNESVILLE, Mo. — Jack Leroy Reade, 70, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla.

Mr. Reade

Mr. Reade grew up in Kendallville and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1955. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Omaha, Neb., and became a Certified Public Accountant.

He served his country from 1954 to 1980 in both the Marine Corps and the Army. He was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam wars, and was awarded many medals and commendations. He retired from the service as a captain.

Mr. Reade belonged to the Francis J. Lynch Memorial VFW Post 3168, Harry L. Herron Memorial DAV Chapter 49 and the Marine Corps League.

Upon his retirement from military service, he opened a business, "The Tax Accountant," in St. Robert, Mo. In 1999, he became an agent for the IRS and ran a business until 2006.

He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior on Jan. 21, 1993, and was an active member of Grace Covenant Christian Center.

Mr. Reade enjoyed reading his Bible, military novels and Civil War chronicles. He also liked trains, fishing, going to Toastmasters and Military Officers Association of America meetings. He also loved his work and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born Sept. 17, 1937, in Kendallville to Lloyd W. and Wilma E. (Bishop) Reade. He married Edith Helen Carolyn (Misch) Frizzle on May 8, 1994, at Grace Covenant Christian Center in Buckhorn, Mo. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Kitty and Michael Emigh of Crocker, Mo., Cynthia Frizzle of Sequim, Wash., Beverly and Joe Rasmussen of Nebo, Mo., William and Terri Frizzle of Lufkin, Texas, and John and Connie Frizzle of Springfield, Mo.; two sisters and brothers-in-law: Carolyn and Dr. Reed Taylor of Howe and Sharon and Jerry Fritz of Wilmington, N.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd and Jan Reade of Kendallville; five grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by an infant son, Courtney Reade; an infant sister, Betty Lou Reade; and a son, Albie Frizzle.

Services were Jan. 1 in the Waynesville Memorial Chapel with Pastor Judi Tillett officiating. Burial with military honors provided by military officials at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., followed at Sunset memorial Estates Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Grace Covenant Christian Church.

Waynesville Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be sent at www.waynesvillememorialchapel.com.

Rena Barger

BUTLER — Rena O. Barger, 68, of Butler died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was retired from U.S. Shoe Factory in Crothersville and was a member of Grace Covenant Church of God in Austin.

She was born Sept. 12, 1939, in Shreveport, Ind., to Ernest and Bonnie (Dunn) Norris. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Linton Barger Jr. of Butler; three daughters, Pam Proctor of Seymour, Bonita Campbell of Butler and Sonya Albaugh of Garrett; two brothers, James Norris of Haughton, La., and Ernest Norris Jr. of Blanchard, La.; two sisters, Sue Brannen and Reatha Morgan, both of Shreveport; nine grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Buchanan Funeral Home, 115 N. Second St., Austin. The Rev. David Simpson will officiate. Burial will be in Spurgeon Cemetery in Austin.

Calling will be today from 6-9 p.m. and Wednesday after 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

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James Trick

ANGOLA — James E. Trick, 69, of Omaha, Neb., died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Trick

Mr. Trick was the senior project manager, bridge and construction, for Norfolk Southern Railroad.

He was an alumnus of Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne in 1956 and Purdue University with a degree in civil engineering. He was a member of the Huntsville, Mo., United Methodist Church. He enjoyed biking, camping, sailing and doing archaeological digs, and was also a world traveler.

He was born Sept. 2, 1938, in Fort Wayne to Franklin and Madeleine (Roth) Trick. Both preceded him in death. He married Carole Ann McCollum on Aug. 15, 1961. She died on July 9, 2000.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Christopher and Sheryl Trick of Independence, Mo., Daniel Trick of Auburn, and Patrick and Kristie Trick of Angola; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Richard Trick of Angola, and Stephen and Charlene Trick of Fremont; five grandchildren, Natalie, Ryan, Alexa, Emily and Elizabeth; his life partner for the last seven years, Vicki Morgan; her children and their spouses, Michael and Jan Morgan, Matthew Morgan, and Kellie and Shane Yost; and her grandchildren, Brooke, Patrick, Evan and Taylor.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Eric Piersimoni officiating. Burial will be in Deer Creek Cemetery in Acmetonia, Pa.

Calling will be three hours before the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to either the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center or the Carole Ann McCollum Trick Education Trust.

Janice Ayers

BUTLER — Janice Faye Ayers, 58, of Butler died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 7, 1949, in Winston-Salem, N.C., to Thomas and Esther (Parnell) Blackmon.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas L. and Patricia Ayers of St. Joe and Preston Ayers of Butler; three grandchildren, Crystal Chapman of Spencerville, Jason Ayers of St. Joe and Joseph Short, stationed in the U.S. Marine Corps; four brothers, Thomas Blackmon Jr., Joe Blackmon, James Blackmon and John Blackmon, all of Virginia; and a sister, Mary Jeffries of Florida.

Burial and services will be in Virginia at a later date.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is handling arrangements.

Jack Riegsecker

MIDDLEBURY — Jack Riegsecker, 55, of White Pigeon, Mich., and formerly of Middlebury died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Riegsecker

Mr. Riegsecker had been an estimator for Brooks Construction for more than 20 years.

He attended River Oaks Community Church.

Mr. Riegsecker enjoyed spending time on the water at Fish Lake and dining out. He was an avid golfer.

He was born June 19, 1952, in Goshen to Benjamin and Melba (Miller) Riegsecker. He married Sue Schultz on Dec. 1, 1973, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Andrea Riegsecker of White Pigeon; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Jenna Riegsecker of Bristol; two grandsons; a sister and brother-in-law, JoAnn and Sam Brown of Middlebury; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Kris Riegsecker of White Pigeon; and his mother and stepfather, Melba and Roger Ferreck of Middlebury.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Scott Tilley officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Charles Price

KENDALLVILLE — Charles "Mike" Price, 53, formerly of Kendallville died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Pete and Jean Price, in Alabama.

Mr. Price was born May 10, 1954, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Janice and Joe Ewers of Wolcottville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Pete and Jean Price of Alabama, Jody and Amy Ewers of Wolcottville and Bobby Eyers of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Vicki and Steve Buttermore of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Patty Price of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Jacob Price, in 1969.

There are no services or calling.

Jason Harmon

MARINETTE, Wis. — Jason Phillip Harmon, 37, of Marinette, Wis., died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at his home.

A former Butler resident, he moved to the Wausaukee, Wis., area from Indiana in 1994. He was employed as an industrial welder for several years.

Mr. Harmon attended Eastside High School. His parents were former owners of Mom's Eaten Haus restaurant in Butler.

He was born Dec. 10, 1969, in Fort Wayne to James and Ruth Ann (Goldbach) Harmon. His mother survives in Wausaukee and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are a son, Bryce of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey and Natalie Harmon of Menominee, Mich.; two sisters, Lee Anne Harmon of Marinette and Dana Harmon of Crivitz, Wis.; four nephews and a niece.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Wausaukee. Messar Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Judith Bowlby

LAGRANGE — Judith R. Bowlby, 66, of LaGrange and formerly of Elkhart died at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at Rush Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago.

Mrs. Bowlby had been employed by the city of Elkhart as office manager for the wastewater treatment plant for 19 years, retiring in 1989. She had also served as office manager for eight years in the guidance department at Lakeland High School.

She was a graduate of South Bend Central High School.

Mrs. Bowlby was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

She was born Feb. 2, 1941, in South Bend to John and Rose (Nagy) Magera. She married Douglas W. Bowlby on April 16, 1966, in South Bend. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Holly and Steven Quasny of Chicago and Melissa and Brian Richmond of Fishers; a son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Christy Bowlby of Elkhart a brother, John Magera of Bradford Woods, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home in Elkhart.

There are no calling hours.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Elkhart County, Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ASPC Special, 110 5th Ave., 2nd Floor, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hartzlergutermuthinman.com.

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Man admits to murder charge

FILE PHOTO

Lionel Cox Jr., right, is shown at the Noble County Courthouse in this Dec. 21, 2007, file photo. Cox pleaded guilty to murder and two other felonies Tuesday in Noble Superior Court I.

Prosecutor says plea was 'unexpected'

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — In what the Noble County prosecutor called an unexpected move, a Waterloo man pleaded guilty to murder Tuesday in Noble Superior Court I.

Lionel Cox Jr., 22, pleaded guilty at an unscheduled hearing Tuesday to murder, a felony; burglary, a Class B felony; and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, a Class D felony. He will be sentenced to 45 years in prison if Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch accepts the plea agreement filed Tuesday in the case.

Originally, the Cox case had been set for a final pretrial conference Friday with a jury trial set to start Jan. 21. The plans changed rather quickly at the last minute, Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said.

"I received a call from Cox's

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MURDER: *Under plea, Cox faces 45 years in prison*

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attorney (Kevin Likes) asking the matter be set for a plea hearing this afternoon and Judge Kirsch graciously allowed the case to be worked onto his docket at the last minute," Clouse said Tuesday.

The hearing was held shortly after 3 p.m. with Kirsch presiding.

During Tuesday's hearing, Cox admitted to breaking into Patrick S. Biddle's apartment at Drake Terrace Apartments in Kendallville on March 5, 2007, with the intent to tie up Biddle and confine him against his will. He also admitted that, during the commission of the burglary, he played a role in killing Biddle.

Reports from the Noble County coroner indicate Biddle died as a result of strangulation. Cox also admitted he and co-conspirator Charles William Chorpenning used Biddle's Cadillac as their getaway car after the murder and burglary were committed.

By the terms of the agreement filed in Cox's case, Cox would be sentenced 45 years in prison for the murder of Biddle, 20 years for the burglary and three years for the D felony, all to be served at the same time.

Cox also faces possible sanctions for violating his probation in both Noble and DeKalb counties

Chorpenning, 27, of Waterloo and formerly of Auburn and Kendallville, pleaded guilty Dec. 4, 2007, to murder, a felony, and to seven other felony charges from a total of three criminal cases, as well as being a habitual felon.

"It is our hope that this second plea of guilty in the murder case will help to bring the Biddle family one step closer to the closure they so deeply seek and deserve," Clouse said.

Cox's sentencing has been set for Feb. 15.

A plea agreement in the case sets Chorpenning's minimum combined sentence at 47 years and his maximum at 107 years. He will be sentenced March 5.

Murder is the only charge under Indiana law that does not carry a Class A, B, C or D designation. A murder charge carries a sentence of 45-65 years and a fine of up to $10,000.

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Kimberly Patches

CROMWELL — Kimberly Sue (Woodworth) Patches, 48, died at 9:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at her home in Cromwell.

Kimberly Patches

She moved to the area nine years ago from Columbus, Ohio. She had served as the park assistant at Shady Acres Mobile Home Park in Cromwell for a year and a half.

She enjoyed crocheting, dancing, reading and listening to music. She collected dream catchers and cookbooks. Her greatest joy was being with her grandchildren. She was known as being a very laid-back person.

She was born Nov. 8, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio, to Ronald Lee Woodworth Sr. and Sonja (Spencer) Colden. Her father is deceased and her mother and stepfather, Sonja and Rudy Colden, survive in Cromwell.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jess Willard and Shena Collins of Cromwell; four daughters and a son-in-law, Misty Leah-Rae and Larry Bentley of Topeka, Mindi Marie Collins and her boyfriend, Cecil Jenkins, of Waverly, Ohio, and Jacklyn Ann Dingess and Alicia Ann Collins, both of Riverhead, N.Y.; two special boys in her life, Tyler and Cody Feightner; 22 grandchildren; two brothers, Ronald Lee Woodworth Jr. of Ontario, Canada, and David Kelly Woodworth of Cromwell; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kerri Kay and Bryan Bell of Corunna and Kristi Gay and Ronald L. Peak of Wawaka; and her maternal grandmother, Virginia Spellman of Albion.

Services will be at 7 p.m.today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register, go to brazzell-funeralhome.com.

Shane Feightner

CROMWELL — Shane Anthony Feightner, 40, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Feightner

Mr. Feightner loved hunting, fishing and football. He was known for always having a smile and being loved by his children and all who knew him.

He was born Nov. 7, 1967, to Kenneth and Carol (Ewing) Feightner.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Kenneth and Treva; four sons, Tyler and Cody Feightner, Josh Fulk and Dekota Brown; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Becky Feightner; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeff and Gina Nelson, a stepbrother and his wife, Evan and Rachel Brown; his grandmother, Alice Houlton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tanner, and his mother.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of Garrett, 201 S. Franklin St., Garrett.

Northeast Indiana Cremation of Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

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Carole Hancock

ANGOLA — Carole A. Hancock, 70, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hancock

Mrs. Hancock was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Feb. 26, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Leone (Bice) Graham. They preceded her in death.

She married Paul Hancock on Aug. 11, 1973, in Fort Wayne. He died Oct. 2, 2006.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Slater of Angola, David and Sherry Slater of Edon, Ohio, and Steven and Alicia Hancock of Warwick, Bermuda; two daughters and a son-in-law, Theresa and Tony Disbro of Edon, Ohio, and Pamela Hancock and Tom Matson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and their spouses, Nick and Jessica Disbro of Edon, Ohio, Ben Disbro of Edon, Deidre Kishpaugh of Angola, Josh and Ashley Slater of Camden, Mich., Amber Slater of Edon and Cheryl Slater of Edon; five great-grandchildren, Trenton and Reece Disbro and Alexis, Kaydence and Alya Slater; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Howard and Mae Graham of Bryan, Ohio, Harold and Jeanie Graham of Springfield, Ohio, and Daniel and Barb Graham of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Counts.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Dygert Cemetery of Angola.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at New Hope Christian Center.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or Williams County 4-H.

Lewis Boocher

ANGOLA — Lewis Elmer Boocher, 85, of Angola, formerly of Orland and Colon, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, in Angola.

Mr. Boocher

Mr. Boocher retired in 1984 after 42 years at Douglas Autotech in Bronson, Mich. He was a World War II Army veteran and was a prisoner of war.

He attended Orland schools. He attended the Angola Assembly of God Church, as well as the New Life Assembly of God church in Colon. He enjoyed his family and friends, food, fishing, card playing and mushroom hunting. He was a 50-year member of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

He was born on July 14, 1922, in Bremen to Elmer and Helen (Starrett) Boocher. Both preceded him in death. He married Pearl Agnes Bailey on April 3, 1948, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Ivan O'Neal of Union City, Mich., Luanne and Howard Beekman of Coldwater, Mich., and Rosemary and Richard Dowidat of Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Louis and Connie Boocher, and Chuck Sr. and Linda Boocher, all of Orland; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Doris Boocher of Orland, and John and Bernice Boocher of Burr Oak, Mich.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Chet Allen officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, with military services conducted by members of the Orland American Legion.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or the Orland American Legion.

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Ilene Whitis

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — Ilene Mae Whitis, 85, of Bourbonnais died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Whitis had been a teacher and counselor.

She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Ohio and Indiana.

Mrs. Whitis was born Nov. 24, 1922, in Jerry City, Ohio, to James and Lavina (Taylor) Spengler. She married Noel Whitis Sr. on Dec. 30, 1941, in Fayette, Ohio. He survives in Bourbonnais.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Noel Jr. and Judy Whitis of Bourbonnais and James and Cindy Whitis of Indianapolis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Natalie and Dennis Buhro of Kendallville and Cheryl and Mark Smith of Bourbonnais; 10 grandchildren and their spouses including Josh and Jessica Buhro of Kendallville and Brad and Michelle Buhro of Middletown; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Ed.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais with Brad Buhro officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Union Cemetery in Fayette, Ohio, at 1 p.m. Friday.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

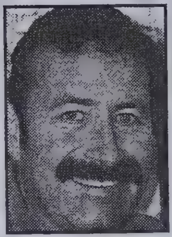
Memorials are to the Noel and Ilene Whitis Scholarship Fund at Olivet Nazarene University.

Condolences may be sent online to www.clancygernon.com.

Thomas Van Kirk

ANGOLA — Thomas Van Kirk, 50, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Van Kirk and his wife owned Summit City Stadium Eatery and Pub (formerly O'Briens) in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Van Kirk

He was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 4, 1957, in Fort Wayne to George and Helen Van Kirk. His father survives in Fort Wayne, his mother preceded him in death. He was married to Sylvia Y. Van Kirk. She survives.

Also surviving is a daughter, Megan Van Kirk of Arab, Ala.; a son and his fiancee, Robert and Jamie Van Kirk of Terre Haute; a stepdaughter, Shawna Squires of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and a spouse, Rick and Kara Squires, and Chad Squires, all of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Caleb; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Georgie and Walter Ostermeyer, Abigail and Mike McQueen, all of Fort Wayne, and Carolyn and William Wallschaeger of Point Venture, Texas; nieces and nephews and spouses, Kirk and Lori Grable, Kim and Brad Richt, Karen and Mark Moore, David and Marianne Ostermeyer, Kirsten and Scott Wieman, William and Laura Wallschaeger, Erich and Dawn Wallschaeger, and Aidan and Jennifer McQueen; and 15 great-nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his god-mother, Mary Thompson.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Kathleen Haller officiating.

Calling will be three hours prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Sylvia Van Kirk to help defray hospital expenses.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

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Blanche Lemper

AUBURN — Blanche Irene Lemper, 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, surrounded by her family at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Lemper

Services are pending, with Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn handling arrangements.

Henry Eickholtz

KENDALLVILLE — Henry J. Eickholtz, 73, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at his residence.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Helen Smith

FREMONT — Helen Smith, 73, of Fremont died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith had worked at Lettica in Fremont for 10 years, retiring in 1996.

She was a member of Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

She was born Dec. 19, 1934, in Wessington, S.D., to Alfred and Marie (Younkin) Sutton. Both preceded her in death. She married Willis Smith on March 27, 1965. He died April 20, 2006.

She is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy (German) Kostic of Indianapolis, Julie Cornewell of New Haven, and Marsha (German) and Steavin Kratzman of Fremont; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, John and Joan Sutton of Angola, Charles and Becky Sutton of Fremont, Neb., and Jim Sutton of Royal, Iowa; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Dorothy and Don Price of Fort Collins, Colo., and Lois Caffee of Huron, S.D.; two grandchildren, Daniel anc Jennifer Kostic; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Fauneill Kuntz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Same shot kills two near Cromwell

by Mark Hunter and Joy LeCount

CROMWELL — A single shot from a muzzle loader apparently killed two people in a Saturday night incident at a mobile home park near Cromwell.

Police were called to Lot 207 at Shady Acres Mobile Home Park when a 911 call was received at approximately 9:15 a.m. advising of a possible shooting.

Upon arrival, police found two victims, a female and a male, suffering from what appeared to be gunshot wounds. The female has been identified as Kimberly Patches, 48. The male, identified as Shane Feightner, 40. Both Patches and Feightner resided at Lot 207 in Shady Acres Mobile Home Park.

Patches, who reportedly suffered a chest wound, was pronounced dead at the scene. Feightner reportedly was shot in the head, and was taken by ambulance to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne in very critical condition. He was pronounced dead at 2:53 a.m. Sunday. Medics were unable to have him airlifted from the scene because of bad weather conditions.

Preliminary investigation indicates that Feightner either accidently or intentionally shot himself with a muzzle loading firearm. Patches, who was standing behind Feightner, was struck in the upper torso and possibly by shrapnel from the weapon's only discharge. A domestic dispute between the couple may have sparked the incident with the same weapon.

A brother of Patches was in the mobile home at the time, and is considered a witness to the events.

An autopsy was performed Monday in Allen County to attempt to determine the cause and manner of death. Autopsy results indicated that Feightner's death was a suicide, while Patches death was ruled an accidental homocide. Both victims were struck by the same shot.

Investigators from the Noble County Sheriff's department and Noble County Coroner's Office are continuing their efforts to determine what exactly had taken place that evening.

Units initially responding to the incident were from the Sheriff's Department, Cromwell Police and Fire Departments, and Noble County EMS.

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Norman A. Reed, 89

KENDALLVILLE — Norman A. Reed, age 89, of Stroh, passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2008 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reed was born in Kendallville on May 31, 1918 to Harry L. Reed and Ota (Longnecker) Reed.

He was a United States Army veteran and life member of the American Legion.

He married Kathryn Roberta Pierce on December 23, 1942 in LaGrange.

Mr. Reed retired from Flint & Walling in 1983 after 40 years. He was also an Electrolux Salesman for many years and retired in 2000.

Norman was a member of Stroh Church of Christ and he enjoyed small game hunting and fishing.

He loved watching basketball and enjoyed going to his grandson's games when he played high school basketball. Norman also loved to play the saxaphone. When he was younger, he played the sax in the South Milford Church of Christ orchestra. His dream was to play with the Glenn Miller orchestra.

Survivors include: his wife of 66 years, Kathryn Roberta Reed of Stroh; a daughter, Sheryl Skinner of South Milford; grandchilden, Brandon and Ashley Skinner of Orlando, Florida; two brothers, Jack and Pat Reed of Avilla, and Al and Maxine Reed of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Lee Reed.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Mike Hamm.

Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Stroh Church of Christ or Stroh Volunteer Fire Department.

View a video tribute (after Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Charles Price, 53

KENDALLVILLE — Charles "Mike" Price, 53, formerly of Kendallville died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Pete and Jean Price, in Alabama.

Mr. Price was born May 10, 1954, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Janice and Joe Ewers of Wolcottville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Pete and Jean Price of Alabama, Jody and Amy Ewers of Wolcottville and Bobby Eyers of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Vicki and Steve Buttermore of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Patty Price of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Jacob Price, in 1969.

There are no services or calling.

Kimberly Sue Patches, 48

CROMWELL - Kimberly Sue (Woodworth) Patches, 48, died January 5, 2008 at 9:15 PM at her home in Cromwell.

She was born November 8, 1959 in Columbus, Ohio to Ronald Lee Woodworth Sr. (deceased) and Sonja (Spencer) Colden, she survives in Cromwell.

She came to the area 9 years ago, coming from Columbus. Ms. Patches was the Park Assistant at Shady Acres Mobile Home Park in Cromwell for a year and a half.

She enjoyed many things in her life such as crocheting, dancing and listen to music, collecting dream catchers, reading, collecting cookbooks, and most of all she enjoyed being with her grandchildren. Ms Patches was known as being a very laid back person.

Survivors include a son, Jess Willard (Shena) Collins of Cromwell; daughters, Misty Leah-Rae (Larry) Bentley of Topeka, Mindi Marie Collins (her boyfriend) Cecil Jenkins of Waverly, Ohio, Jacklyn Ann Dingess and Alicia Ann Collins, both of Riverhead, NY.; two special boys in her life, Tyler and Cody Feightner; 22 grandchildren; her mother and step father, Sonja and Rudy Colden of Cromwell; two brothers, Ronald Lee Woodworth Jr. of Ontario, Canada and David Kelly Woodworth of Cromwell; two sisters, Kerri Kay (Bryan) Bell of Corunna and Kristi Gay (Ronald L.) Peak of Wawaka; her maternal grandmother, Virginia Spellman of Albion.

Funeral services for Ms. Patches were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Please make memorial contributions to the family.

To send online condolences or to sign and online register please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Bertha Lewis, 89

MERRIAM — Bertha I. (Kumley) Lewis, 89, a resident of Merriam and formerly of Huntertown died at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a recent hospitalization. She had been at the hospice home since Wednesday.

Mrs. Lewis moved to Huntertown in 1943 from the Wabash area and moved to Merriam in 2004 to live with her daughter, Loretta.

She was employed as a cook at the former Allen County Children's Home in Fort Wayne from 1966 to 1977, and was famous for her homemade noodles and yeast doughnuts.

Mrs. Lewis was an expert seamstress and enjoyed knitting and gardening.

She was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church and had attended Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam since 2004.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Lagro in Wabash County on Aug. 14, 1918, to William T. and Clara (Wintrode) Kumley. She spent her formative years in rural Wabash County. She was married to Glenn W. Lewis on Aug. 15, 1935, and the couple were married for 54 years. Mr. Lewis preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Stewart and Arlene Lewis of LaOtto, William and Sue Lewis of Churubusco, and Larry Lewis of Fort Wayne; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Glenna Robinson, Loretta and Walter Pedigo and Shirley Lewis, all of Churubusco, and Bettie and William Beagan of Rossville, Ga.; a sister, Lillian Gebert of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Lewis of LaOtto; 24 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, David Lewis in 2000; three brothers, Gerald Kumley in 1927, Charles Kumley in 1971, and Joe Kumley in 1998; six sisters, Velda Kumley in 1928, Hazel Rhodes in 1982, Mary Grimmer in 1987, Dorothy Woodring in 2000, Martha Loeffler in 2001 and Mildred Wade in 2005; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Lewis in 2007; three grandsons, Matthew Beagan, Karl Carpenter and Brian Lewis; and two great-grandchildren, Jasmine Fee and Joshua Carpenter.

Services were held January 4, 2008 at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, Pastor George Cecil officiated. Burial took place in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave a condolence, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Donna Buchmeier, 76

GARRETT — Donna J. Buchmeier, 76, of Garrett and formerly of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Buchmeier had been in declining health for the past nine years.

Mrs. Buchmeier was a homemaker and had been a volunteer at the former McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville for 30 years.

She and her husband had lived in Albion, near Skinner Lake and then in Kendallville for 17 years. For the past four years they had lived in Garrett.

Mrs. Buchmeier and her husband were members of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren near Garrett where she was a member of the Ladies Aid Society.

She enjoyed reading and bird watching and liked to travel, especially to Washington, D.C. She also enjoyed watching her grandchildren's sporting events.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1931, on the family farm in rural Garrett to Wayne and Ruth (Keck) Shirk. She married Richard F. Buchmeier on June 10, 1950, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Cindy Buchmeier of Greenwood, David and Brenda Buchmeier of Merriam, Paul and Sally Buchmeier of New Castle and Jim and Sherri Buchmeier of New Haven; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Sue Shirk of Auburn; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Diane Wisnieski in February 2003.

Services were held December 29, 2007 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Brad Hardisty of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren officiated. Burial took place at Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Council On Aging or to the American Heart or Cancer Society.

To view the obituary or to leave the family a condolence visit www.brazzellfuneralhome. com.

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Helen Martin, 73

LIGONIER - Helen Martin, 73, of Ligonier died Thursday, January 3, 2007 at 6:45 AM at her home surrounded by her family. She had been in declining health since September 2007.

Mrs. Martin was born Helen Bates on November 18, 1934 in Kentucky to Colombus and Zillia Bates. They are both deceased. In April of 1953 she married Darwin Martin. He survives in Ligonier.

Helen was a finisher at Silgan Plastics, retiring from there after 25 years of service.. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, and going to her church, Salem Baptist Church in Rome City, which she was a member of for 32 years.

Other survivors include two sons and daughter-in-laws, Ronnie (Treva) Martin of Kimmell, and Don (Len) Martin of Lexington, KY.; two daughters and son-in-laws, Carolyn (Tom) Lynch of Frankfort, KY, and Lavonne (Mike) Hettler of Ligonier. 15 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; eight sisters, Reathel Williams, Hazel Mitchell, Wanda Lee Underwood, Maxie Welch, Angie Bates, Rose Baker, Jennifer Cook, and Veronica Richardson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martin were at Salem Baptist Church in Rome City. Pastor Bill Tuttle officiated. Pallbearers for Mrs.. Martin were Timothy Taylor, Tom Lynch, Mac Martin, Mike Hettler, Jeremy Ramey, and Dave Sprague. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

To send online condolences or to sign an online guest book, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Gerald McLallin, 85

LIGONIER — Gerald W. McLallin, 85, of Ligonier died of natural causes at 9:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at Northridge Village in Albion.

He was a farmer for over 50 years and drove school buses for West Noble Community Schools for 16 years.

Mr. McLallin was a lifelong member of the Sparta Church and served his country in the U.S. Marines from 1944-45 during World War II. He was a member of the Cromwell /Sparta Township American Legion Post No. 421 from 1945-1985, during which time he served as chaplain and in the color guard. From 1985-2008, he was a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post No. 243, where he also served in the color guard.

He was also a member of the Lions Club for 55 years, serving as president five times. He was named Lion of the Year twice and received the WP Woods Award.

He was born June 21, 1922, in York Township to Lawrence and Lura (Steller) McLallin.

He married Patricia A. Warford on June 20, 1943. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Dianne McLallin of Kendallville; four daughters and four sons-in-law, Penelope and Art Johnson of Indianapolis, Paula Routson of Freeport, Ill., Pia and Dan Brauser of Irving, Texas, Peggy and Eric Genshaw of Syracuse, and Ned Gardner of Buchanan, Mich.; two brothers, Justin McLallin of Kokomo and Lindy McLallin of Wolcottville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bonita and J.D. Geiger of North Webster and Joan Spencer of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Prudence Gardner.

Services were held January 9, 2008 at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E. 1000N, Syracuse, with the Rev. Curryanne Hostetler and the Rev. Richard Rensner officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with full military rites.

Memorials are to the Lions Noble County Foundation or the Prudence E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Judith Colandino, 68

GARRETT — Judith A. "Judy" (Stock) Colandino, 68, of Garrett died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at her home.

Born in Indianapolis, she was a cake decorator at Kroger in Auburn for nine years and was a Mary Kay consultant.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 178, Eagles 1357, Elks 1447, Moose Lodge 566 and the Red Hat Society of Garrett and was secretary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1892.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda M. Minnich of Burleson, Texas; two stepdaughters, Anna Marie Stewart of El Paso, Texas, and Tina Louise Harris of Dallas, Texas; two sons, Bill W. Minnich of Wolf Lake and John W. Minnich of Avilla; three brothers, James W. Stock and John F. Stock, both of Angola, and Jeffrey L. Stock of South Carolina; and a sister, Jamiee K. Kryling of Troy, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph A. Colandino, and a son, Wade C. Minnich, who died in 1990.

A memorial service was held January 5, 2008 at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor John Scott officiated. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn at a later date.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

Clark Bradley, 54

FORT WAYNE — Clark L. Bradley, 54, of Fort Wayne died unexpectedly and was found at his residence on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007.

Mr. Bradley will be remembered as a man who enjoyed life and was fiercely independent. He loved being with his family, playing poker and exercising. He was known for his sense of humor.

He graduated from North Side High School in 1971 and was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bradley was a member of American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.

He was born in Fort Wayne on May 26, 1953, to John C. II and Martha E. (Bowers) Bradley.

Surviving are his father John C. Bradley II of Cromwell; three brothers and a sister-in-law, John C. Bradley III of Albion, Scott M. and Mary Bradley and Ross M. Bradley, all of Cromwell; a sister, Connie Bradley of Churubusco; three nieces; four nephews; and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

His mother preceded him in death on July 4, 2000.

Services were held January 4, 2008 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Pastor Terry Sturges officiated. Burial took place in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center, 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Ivan Slusher, 84

ECONOMY — Ivan L. Slusher, 84, of Winchester died Dec. 26, 2007, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Slusher was a 1942 graduate of Winchester High School, where he played on the basketball team. He was a decorated World War II Army veteran, serving from 1942-1945. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Winchester and the Union City Elks Lodge 1534. He retired as chief engineer from Delaware Machine and Tool in Muncie.

He enjoyed gardening, yard work, woodcarving, coin collecting and collecting Indian artifacts.

He was born Jan. 8, 1923, in Winchester to Orville and Martha Florence (Dick) Slusher.

He married Darlene (Coffman) Slusher on Nov. 4, 1945, in Winchester. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Jim Kaiser of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Glenda Slusher of Lithia Springs, Ga.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Heather and Damon Barth of Huntertown, Trinity and Christina Boyd of Albion, Amanda and Brent Bailey of Auburn, and Nick Kaiser of Fort Wayne; five great-grandchildren, Bo Bailey, Sara Bailey, Emma Barth, Lindsey Boyd and Jarrett Beauhof; one sister-in-law; a nephew and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Slusher.

Services were held December 31, 2007 in Walker Funeral Home, Winchester,. Pastor Sandy Knepple officiated. Military services followed at Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester.

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Linda Pischke, 46

SYRACUSE — Linda Pischke, 46, of Syracuse died at 1:47 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, in the critical care unit of Elkhart General Hospital.

She was employed by Dollar General Corp. as store manager at the Nappanee facility.

Mrs. Pischke and her family moved to Syracuse three years ago from Albion where she had lived most of her life. She was a Central Noble High School graduate and a member of Albion Wesleyan Church.

Mrs. Pischke was born on April 6, 1961, to Robert and Delores Leitch Coy. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in rural Albion.

Also surviving are her husband, Denny Lee Pischke; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Dusty L. Pischke, at home, David R. Altimus of Brimfield, Danny W. and Latasha Pischke of Arkansas and Daniel L. Schafer of Arkansas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Keesha M. and Clifford Reed of Albion and Jennifer N. Erwin of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Linda Coy of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Randy Slone of Albion; and four grandchildren, Ethan "Hotshot," Gloria, Jacob and Abigail.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Gerry Winebrenner.

Services were held December 29, 2007 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. David Sheffield of Albion Wesleyan Church officiated. Burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Pallbearers were Billy Luke, Jimmy Luke, Randy Baker, John Walker, Daniel Schaffer and Denny Pischke.

Michelle L. MoJica, 31

KIMMELL - Michelle L. MoJica, 31, of Kimmell, died Saturday December 22, 2007 from injuries sustained in a car accident on US 33 and 725 West in Ligonier.

Michelle was currently going to school to become a registered nurse. She had lived in Avilla for 12 years, then moved to Wolcottville and Cromwell. Recently had lived in Kimmell. Michelle also attended East Noble High School in Kendallville. She enjoyed reading, going to movies, being outdoors, walking, and spending time with her son and helping people.

Michelle was born on January 11, 1976 in Kendallville to Darrell Mc Donald and Deborah (Lothamer) Estrada. Her mother survives in Kimmell and her father passed away on September 18, 1986. On October 6, 2001 in Wawaka she married Edward Mojica. He survives.

Other survivors include her son, Hulices Mojica at home; one sister, Mindy McDonald (her boyfriend Michael Ostrander); three nieces, Destiny Ostrander, Cynthia Seber and Elizabeth Seber; three nephews, David Seber, Dylan Seber and Tanner Seber; best friend, Tessa Seber of Tennessee; step-father, Raul Estrada; former step-father, Kevin Coy; paternal grandmother, Evelyn Mc Donald of Kendallville; maternal grandmother, Beverly Jean Lothamer of Ft. Wayne.

Funeral services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Burial followed at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla, IN.

Memorials to be made to the family.

Vaughn Elsworth Truelove, 95

ANGOLA – Vaughn Elsworth Truelove, age 95, of West Otter Lake near Angola passed away at his winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida on Saturday, January 5, 2008 with his three daughters and granddaughter by his side.

Mr.Truelove was born in Avilla, Indiana on May 2, 1912 to Albert Truelove and Lorena (Simon) Truelove.

He graduated from LaOtto High School in 1929 and married Beatrice Flossie Bauman on February 4, 1933 in Kendallville, Indiana. She preceded his death on August 1, 2000.

Mr. Truelove was a life time Noble County farmer.

He originated and co-owned Truelove Brothers Farm Equipment in Albion, which still operates today, from 1938 until the mid 1990's.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion and Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

He is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jane Ellen (Ivan) Potter of Avilla, Janis Ann Penick of Hudson, and Nyla Jean (Ottnel) Ebey of Witmer Lake near Wolcotville.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one brother Lawrence Truelove and two sisters; Pearl Truelove and Grace Friskney.

Funeral services were at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Thelma Megill-Cobbler, STS.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Lillian A. Workman, 89

COLUMBIA CITY - Lillian A. Workman, 89, formerly of Columbia City, IN and most recently of Grace Village Retirement Center, Winona Lake, IN passed away at 6:49 p.m. Sunday, December 30, 2007 at the retirement center. She was born in Elkhart, IN on September 11, 1918 the daughter of Floyd C. and Lillian (Hall) Rhodes.

She graduated from Riley High School, South Bend, IN with the class of 1936 and she also attended the South Bend College of Commerce. She married Wilbur E. Workman on April 10, 1938 in South Bend, IN. She worked as a secretary at various locations and has resided in Columbia City, since she and her husband, the late Pastor Wilber E. Workman, retired from the United Methodist pastorate. She assisted her husband in the ministry where they served for 45 years in several northeastern Indiana churches including, Bourbon, Craigville, Silver Lake, Albion, Elkhart, Ligonier, Muncie and Etna Green. She was a member of the Columbia City United Methodist Church and she loved to cook and bake.

Lillian is survived by three sons, Ted (Janet) Workman of New Haven, IN, Daniel (Mignon) Workman of Franklin, IN, and Thomas Workman of Fort Wayne, IN; one daughter, Janice (Ronald(Conrad) of Troy, OH; ten grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two sisters, Katherine Lynn and Rhoda Crosby.

Funeral services were at Columbia City United Methodist Church, with Pastor Paul Arnold of Columbia City United Methodist Church and Rev. Cynthia Reynolds, Warsaw District Superintendent officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, IN. DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Workman's memory to the Building Fund of the Columbia City United Methodist Church. Envelopes available at the funeral home. To send condolences or sign the guest register book, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Mary Ann Barnes, 72

KENDALLVILLE – Mary Ann Barnes, age 72, most recently of Kendallville and of Angola, passed away on Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center where she lived the past three years.

Mrs. Barnes was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on October 30, 1935 to James M. Cushing and Eunice Estella (Maxfield) Cushing and she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1953.

Prior to living in this area, she lived in Carthage, Missouri for 24 years and worked as a home healthcare aide.

In the past, Mary Ann was a member of the Eastern Star of LaOtto. She loved raising and riding horses.

Surviving relatives are a son, Gary (Jane) Gienger of Upton, Massachuetts; two daughters, Laura (Rusty) Carteaux of Avilla, and Julie Gienger of Yokahamo, Japan; five grandchildren, Derek Dahlman of Fort Wayne, Zane Anderson of Avilla, Elizabeth, Michael, and Kyla Gienger all of Upton.

Mrs. Barnes was preceded in death by parents and brother, James Cushing.

A memorial service was at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Susan Socha.

Burial will be at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Pamela Yoquelet, 57

ASHLEY — Pamela Jo Yoquelet, 57, of Ashley died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Yoquelet worked 21 years for Seimons in Auburn. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church, the church's women's group and the LA Breakfast Car Club. She attended St. John's Lutheran School in Kendallville and was a 1969 graduate of East Noble High School. She loved gardening and spending time with her family.

She was born Sept. 4, 1950, in Lima, Ohio, to James R. and Pauline M. (Heileman) Smith. Her father is deceased. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Melvin E. Yoquelet on Nov. 2, 1968, in Kendallville. He survives in Ashley.

Other survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, James E. Yoquelet and Jeff A. and Sherry Yoquelet of Avilla; five grandchildren, Andrew Yoquelet of Kendallville, Kyle Yoquelet of Avilla, Janna Yoquelet of Fort Wayne, Alyssa Poage of Avilla and Halle Yoquelet of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, David R. and Karen Smith of Stroh; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Norman Yoder of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Gary R. Smith, and a sister, Pauletta "P.J." Haines.

Services were held January 2, 2008 at the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. Rev. Sam Weimer officiated. Burial took place in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church Fellowship Hall Fund.

Phyllis Haslup, 89

AVILLA — Phyllis M. Haslup, 89, of Avilla died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at 10:05 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Miss Haslup was a lifetime resident of the Fort Wayne and Avilla areas.

She retired from Community State Bank in Avilla after 17 years of service.

Miss Haslup was a member of the Kendallville First Church of God and a past board member of the Noble County Humane Society. She enjoyed spending time with her German Shepherd Sarah.

She was born April 26, 1918, in Fort Wayne to Lawrence D. and Nina M. (Clem) Haslup.

Surviving are three nephews; two nieces; and several great-nephews and great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Haslup, and a half sister, Gladyes Schmidt.

Services were held January 5, 2008 at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville. Pastor Jim Kane of the Kendallville First Church of God officiated. Burial took place in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice or the Kendallville First Church of God.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Kirk Trowbridge Sr., 53

COLUMBIA CITY — Kirk Trowbridge Sr., 53, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn.

He was a lifetime area resident and a Central Noble High School graduate. He was employed as a supervisor at Bear Cat Trailers for several years.

Mr. Trowbridge was born on Dec. 15, 1954, in Kendallville to Ralph "Jack" and Barbara (Morr) Trowbridge. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Jason Trowbridge and his companion, Aaron Dickison, of Fort Wayne and Josh and Heather Trowbridge of Cromwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Mike Hakey, of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Mandy Sheckles, Jennifer, Nicole and Michelle Hakey, Abaigail Trowbridge, Cameron Huntier, and Jared and Kaeligh Trowbridge; and two great-grandchildren, Rachel Sheckles and Sean Sheckles.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Kirk D. Trowbridge Jr.

Services were held December 31, 2007 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Bret Frymier of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion officiated. Burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

To view the obituary online or to send the family a condolence, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Velma DeKoninck, 81

FORT WAYNE — Velma A. DeKoninck, 81, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at 12:30 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. DeKoninck retired from the Poe Tavern in 1990 after 24 years of service. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel, and the church choir. She was a member of Hi-C's Home Economic Club, Women of the Moose Lodge 1311 for more than 30 years and the Poe Fire Department Auxiliary for 55 years.

She was born Aug. 8, 1926, in Yoder to John M. and Marie M. (Vachon) Schuhler. They preceded her in death.

She married Joseph A. DeKoninck on Nov. 6, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He died Nov. 15, 1968.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Steven Bradtmueller of Fort Wayne, Dorothy and Thomas Cole of Ossian, Marie and Michael Letizia of Toledo, Ohio, Betty and Scott Schroeder of Fort Wayne and Angela Bailey of Noblesville; seven sons and six daughters-in-law, James and Lori DeKoninck of Fort Wayne, Kenneth and Deb DeKoninck of Spencerville, Thomas and Becky DeKoninck of Decatur, Gerald and Marlene DeKoninck of Fort Wayne, Stanley and Pam DeKoninck of Auburn, Anthony DeKoninck of Ossian and Matthew and Rhonda DeKoninck of Perrysburg, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Barb Schuhler of Fort Wayne, Richard and Betty Schuhler of Fort Wayne and Edward and Dodie Schuhler of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Delores and "Jack" Miller of Fort Wayne and Marjorie Belcher of Kettle Island, Ky.; 21 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Warkala and Rosemary Nicole, and five brothers, Robert, Harold, Donald, Delbert and William Schuhler.

A family prayer service was held December 29, 2007 in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, followed by a service at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel. Father Thomas Lombardi officiated. Burial took place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Hessen Cassel.

Memorials are to masses, St. Joseph School, the church choir or the Poe Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent at www.zwickjahn.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 10, 2008, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Lewis Boocher

ANGOLA — Lewis Elmer Boocher, 85, of Angola, formerly of Orland and Colon, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, in Angola.

Mr. Boocher

Mr. Boocher retired in 1984 after 42 years at Douglas Autotech in Bronson, Mich. He was a World War II Army veteran and was a prisoner of war.

He attended Orland schools. He attended the Angola Assembly of God Church, as well as the New Life Assembly of God church in Colon. He enjoyed his family and friends, food, fishing, card playing and mushroom hunting. He was a 50-year member of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

He was born on July 14, 1922, in Bremen to Elmer and Helen (Starrett) Boocher. Both preceded him in death. He married Pearl Agnes Bailey on April 3, 1948, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Ivan O'Neal of Union City, Mich., Luanne and Howard Beekman of Coldwater, Mich., and Rosemary and Richard Dowidat of Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Louis and Connie Boocher, and Chuck Sr. and Linda Boocher, all of Orland; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Doris Boocher of Orland, and John and Bernice Boocher of Burr Oak, Mich.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Chet Allen officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, with military services conducted by members of the Orland American Legion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or the Orland American Legion.

Lewis Dobbins

TOPEKA — Lewis "Ed" Dobbins, 61, of Topeka died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Dobbins moved to the area in 1996 from Colorado.

He was born Nov. 5, 1946, in LaJunta, Colo.

Surviving are his spouse, Brenda Jordan of Topeka; four daughters, Ronda Scarlett, Octavia Yankosky and Sharette Jordan, all of Topeka, and Nicole Dobbins of Franklin, Ky.; his father, Joe Jordan of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren; and four sisters, Judy Jordan, Martha Gardley, Betty May Jordan and Erma Jean Jordan.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty (Robison) Jordan.

There are no services.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register, go online to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to reflect a change in memorials.*

Helen Smith

FREMONT — Helen Smith, 73, of Fremont died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith had worked at Lettica in Fremont for 10 years, retiring in 1996.

She was a member of Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

She was born Dec. 19, 1934, in Wessington, S.D., to Alfred and Marie (Younkin) Sutton. Both preceded her in death. She married Willis Smith on March 27, 1965. He died April 20, 2006.

She is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy (German) Kostic of Indianapolis, Julie Cornewell of New Haven, and Marsha (German) and Steavin Kratzman of Fremont; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, John and Joan Sutton of Angola, Charles and Becky Sutton of Fremont, Neb., and Jim Sutton of Royal, Iowa; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Dorothy and Don Price of Fort Collins, Colo., and Lois Caffee of Huron, S.D.; two grandchildren, Daniel and Jennifer Kostic; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Fauneill Kuntz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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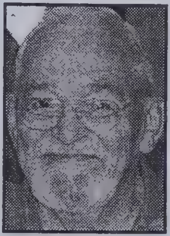
Ziedonis Taube

GARRETT — Ziedonis "Sid" Taube, 69, of Garrett died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at his residence.


Mr. Taube

Mr. Taube retired as an engineer from AEP after many years of service. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. He liked to fish, and his hobbies included electronics and computers. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1965.

He was born June 1, 1938, in Latvia to Karlis and Marta (Brauns) Taube. They preceded him in death.

He married Dzidra Kupsis on Aug. 15, 1964, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She died Jan. 25, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ingrid C. and Pat Maltes of Yoder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard K. and Alda Taube of Fort Wayne and Michael J. and Heather Taube of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Eriks Taube of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Karlis Taube of Latvia; and two sisters, Skaldride and Anna Taube of Lativa.

Services will be Saturday at noon in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A private burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be Friday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

To sign the online guestbook or send condolences, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Arleen Hyde

GREENFIELD — Arleen Mae Hyde, 90, of Greenfield died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Hyde

Mrs. Hyde was a beautician for 65 years and owned and operated six beauty shops throughout the years and in various parts of the country, including Kendallville and Wolcottville.

She was a member of Bradley United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and the Ahwenasha Extension Homemakers. She was the queen mother of her chapter of the Red Hat Society.

She was born Dec. 30, 1917, in Noble County to Cleland and Vera (Reidenbach) Edmonds.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Candy Hyde of Pendleton; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon and Dan Hyde of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Dian Hyde of Greenfield; five grandchildren, Shannon Clifford, Wes Hyde, Shawn Hyde, Nathan Hyde and Cody Hyde; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Betty Edmonds of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Florance L. Hyde, whom she married Feb. 11, 1940.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bradley United Methodist Church in Greenfield with the Rev. Terry Campbell officiating. Burial will be at Park Cemetery at Greenfield.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Pasco Chapel, at Greenfield.

Memorials are to Bradley United Methodist Church, 210 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140.

Online condolences may be sent to www.stillingerfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Buchs

WATERLOO — Ruth J. Buchs, 90, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, with her family at her side.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

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Henry Eickholtz

KENDALLVILLE — Henry John Eickholtz, 73, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Tuesday morning, Jan. 8, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Eickholtz

Mr. Eickholtz moved to Noble County in 1972 from Charlestown, Ind.

He retired in 1998 after 37 years as an environmental health specialist with the Indiana State Board of Health.

Mr. Eickholtz was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus where he served as Past Grand Knight.

He was also a member of the Environmental Health Association.

Mr. Eickholtz graduated from St. Xavier High School in Louisville, Ky., in 1954 and from Purdue University in 1958 with a degree in agriculture. He obtained his master's degree in 1962 from the University of Michigan.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, deer hunting, woodworking and farming. He was a member of the Harvest House Band, playing the guitar and harmonica.

He was born April 1, 1934, in Charlestown to John Henry and Anna May (Schafer) Eickholtz. He married Barbara Gehring on June 6, 1959, in Lafayette. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Emily Eickholtz of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and Greg Krueckeberg of Lafayette and Karen and Kevin High of Kalamazoo, Mich.; six grandchildren, Ryan Krueckeberg, Kelly Krueckeberg, Elaine Eickholtz, Alex Eickholtz, Collin High and Clayton High; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Ann Marie Eickholtz, Leonard and Carolyn Eickholtz, Raymond and Juliann Eickholtz, all of Charlestown, Richard and Pat Eickholtz of Clayton, and Denis and Phyllis Eickholtz of Sellersburg; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Clara and Don Calvert of Jeffersonville, Dorothy Dunn of Crawfordsville, Agnes Withers of Louisville, Ky., Rita and Don Hamerla of King of Prussia, Pa., and Mary and Tom Shields of Greenville; 50 nieces and nephews; and a brother-in-law, Don Gehring of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Charlestown. Pallbearers will be Ryan Krueckeberg, Hal Barker, Leonard Eickholtz, Richard Eickholtz, Raymond Eickholtz, Kelly Krueckeberg and Elaine Eickholtz.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Life & Family Services, Common Grace, or Masses to the church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Suzanne Buehrer

ANGOLA — Suzanne E. Buehrer, 71, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Buehrer

Mrs. Buehrer was a homemaker.

She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church, a member of Sigma Phi Gamma-Alpha Iota chapter, and the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed shopping, bowling, travel and caring for her home and family.

She was born Oct. 1, 1936, in Butler to Glen and Laura (Mallon) Leiter. Both preceded her in death. She married Rance Buehrer on Sept. 30, 1961, in the Huntertown United Methodist Church. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brett and Michelle Buehrer and Brian Buehrer, all of Angola; a brother, Keith Leiter of Fort Wayne; a sister, Linda Tyler of LaOtto; and four grandchildren, Mitchell Buehrer, Brittany Nelson, Lindsay Dyson and Levi Dugger, all of Angola.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Alan LaRue officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or Cameron hospital Auxiliary.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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PAID OBITUARY

Blanche Lemper

AUBURN — Blanche Irene Lemper passed away January 8, 2008, surrounded by her family at the Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, Indiana. She had been in declining health since October of 2007.

Mrs. Lemper

Blanche was born September 4, 1919, one of 7 children of Sydney and Mary (Mohler) Bryant of Albion, IN. She grew up on a farm there, often riding her beloved pony, Beauty, to help her in her chores.

Blanche was a member of the Albion High School Class of 1937. After graduation, she moved to Auburn for her first job as a nanny for the Martin family. She soon met the man who would become her husband, joined a local Sorority and began her own family.

Blanche was married for 50 years to Victor Bernard Lemper who passed away July 4, 1989. Together, they had four children:

- Nina Lois, artist and wife of Dr. Norman Carrico, who reside in Bryan, Ohio.
- Joseph, who died June 15, 1962, at the age of 18 in a car crash.
- Genevieve, a retired Certified Public Accountant and wife of Lt. Colonel Kenton Deich, USAF, retired. The couple currently reside in the Seattle, Washington area.
- Anita, Secretary/Treasurer for the J.R. Watson Elementary School and wife of Kenneth Drew, Jr., who recently retired from General Electric and was an officer in Machinists Union Lodge 70 in Ft. Wayne. They live in Auburn.

1 grandchild, Sandra Kelly Carrico, who also died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident when she was 17, preceded Blanche in death. 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 7 great step-grandchildren survive Blanche. Her sister, Barbara Uhl, 93, of Granger, IN also survives her.

Blanche and Bernard owned and operated a 100-acre farm off Country Road 52 in Auburn where they raised dairy cows, pigs and chickens. Bernard also worked full-time at Warner Gear. Blanche and all her children worked part-time at the popular Little Brown House drive-through restaurant while the children were growing up and later attending college.

For Blanche, the measure of her life is the love she gave her family and the sense of purpose of her labors. She recognized the spirit of energy between herself and others, never uttering spiteful words of anyone. She adjusted with the changing world and always tried to create harmony among those she interacted. She lived her life richly as she understood the rhythm of life." Her family and friends will dearly miss her.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements for her services at the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn on January 12, 2008. The Rosary will be recited at 8:45 AM in the Church hospitality room followed by Calling at 9:00 AM and Mass at 10:00 AM. Burial will be at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Auburn immediately following Mass. Pallbearers will be David Miller, Dean Reeve, Travis Bowman, Richard Drew, Carl Drew and James Drew.

Please send any condolences to Anita Drew, 915 East 1st Street, Auburn, Indiana 46706. Also, please make any donations in lieu of flowers to the Immaculate Conception Cemetery Fund, 500 East 7th Street, Auburn, Indiana 46706.

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Thank You

The family of Pamela Yoquelet would like to thank friends, neighbors and relatives for their expression of sympathy during the loss of our wife, mother, daughter, sister, nana and aunt. The many prayers, cards, flowers, meals and donations to the church for the Fellowship Hall were greatly appreciated. Special thank you to Pastor Sam Weimer, Pam's "buddy", for a beautiful service. Thank you to the Independent Full Gospel Womens Fellowship group for the companionship you shared and the delicious dinner. Thank you to Pastor Bill Haworth, thank you to Feller Funeral Home for their outstanding service and kindness. Also, a special thank you to Lutheran Hospital emergency room staff for their care and compassion.

Pam will be missed in so many ways, but her faith and all the love we have received will continue to help us through.

The family of Pamela Yoquelet
Melvin Yoquelet, Jim Yoquelet and family,
Jeff and Sherry Yoquelet and family,
Pauline Smith, David and Karen Smith,
Peggy and Norman Yoder

Lillian Hawthorne

VENICE, Fla. — Lillian M. Hawthorne, 88, of Venice, Fla., and formerly of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008.

Mrs. Hawthorne was a homemaker. She also worked with her husband, Dr. Quintin Hawthorne, who was the dean of Tri-State University's Engineering Department in the 1960s and 1970s.

They moved to Venice from Angola in 1982.

She was born in Brighton on March, 31, 1919. Her husband preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons, Richard and Dr. Robert Hawthorne of Venice, and Dr. Greg Hawthorne of Boone, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Brighton.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Tri-State University.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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Tragedy in Cromwell

Coroner confirms single shot killed two people

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CROMWELL — The second murder in three years at the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park took place Saturday.

The case is one of the more bizarre to be investigated, according to local law enforcement officials.

The Noble County coroner confirmed on Tuesday that a single bullet killed two residents of a home Saturday night.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said this week officials in Allen County were going to rule Shane Feightner, 40, died as a result of a suicidal gunshot wound to the head.

The incident occurred Saturday shortly before 9:15 p.m. at Lot 207 in the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park near Cromwell.

After the shot struck Feightner, fragments hit Kimberly Patches, 48, in the chest, killing her.

Kimberly Patches

"She was shot with the same bullet," Gaff said.

Her death has been ruled an accidental homicide. The term homicide is used, Gaff said, whenever a death is caused by another human being.

Gaff said his findings were preliminary until results of toxicology tests come back.

Miss Patches had been behind Feightner, according to Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman who said he had never heard of a case quite like this one.

"He was sitting in a chair, she was standing behind him," Leatherman said. "Only one shot was fired."

Patches was pronounced dead at the scene. Feightner died Sunday morning at a Fort Wayne hospital.

Police received a 911 report of a possible shooting at 9:15 p.m.

Another adult was in the home at the time of the incident, but had turned away at the time of the shooting, Leatherman said.

A domestic dispute may have led to the incident, Leatherman said.

"They had been arguing," Leatherman said.

Feightner and Patches both lived at the residence, Leatherman said. They had been boyfriend and girlfriend.

The investigation is ongoing.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Kimberly Patches

CROMWELL — Kimberly Sue (Woodworth) Patches, 48, died at 9:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at her home in Cromwell.

She moved to the area nine years ago from Columbus, Ohio. She had served as the park assistant at Shady Acres Mobile Home Park in Cromwell for a year and a half.

Kimberly Patches

She enjoyed crocheting, dancing, reading and listening to music. She collected dream catchers and cookbooks. Her greatest joy was being with her grandchildren. She was known as being a very laid-back person.

She was born Nov. 8, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio, to Ronald Lee Woodworth Sr. and Sonja (Spencer) Colden. Her father is deceased and her mother and stepfather, Sonja and Rudy Colden, survive in Cromwell.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jess Willard and Shena Collins of Cromwell; four daughters and a son-in-law, Misty Leah-Rae and Larry Bentley of Topeka, Mindi Marie Collins and her boyfriend, Cecil Jenkins, of Waverly, Ohio, and Jacklyn Ann Dingess and Alicia Ann Collins, both of Riverhead, N.Y.; two special boys in her life, Tyler and Cody Feightner; 22 grandchildren; two brothers, Ronald Lee Woodworth Jr. of Ontario, Canada, and David Kelly Woodworth of Cromwell; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kerri Kay and Bryan Bell of Corunna and Kristi Gay and Ronald L. Peak of Wawaka; and her maternal grandmother, Virginia Spellman of Albion.

Services were Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to the family.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Shane Feightner

CROMWELL — Shane Anthony Feightner, 40, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Feightner

Mr. Feightner loved hunting, fishing and football. He was known for always having a smile and being loved by his children and all who knew

He was born Nov. 7, 1967, to Kenneth and Carol (Ewing) Feightner.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Kenneth and Treva; four sons, Tyler and Cody Feightner, Josh Fulk and Dekota Brown; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Becky Feightner; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeff and Gina Nelson, a stepbrother and his wife, Evan and Rachel Brown; his grandmother, Alice Houlton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tanner, and his mother.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of Garrett, 201 S. Franklin St., Garrett.

Northeast Indiana Cremation of Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

Helen Martin

LIGONIER — Helen Martin, 73, of Ligonier died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at her home surrounded by her family. She had been in declining health since September 2007.

Mrs. Martin had been a finisher at Silgan Plastics, retiring after 25 years.

She enjoyed quilting, gardening and attending services at Salem Baptist Church in Rome City where she had been a member for 32 years.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1934, in Kentucky to Colombus and Zillia Bates. She married Darwin Martin in April 1953. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Treva Martin of Kimmell and Don and Len Martin of Lexington, Ky.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Tom Lynch of Frankfort, Ky., and Lavonne and Mike Hettler of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight sisters, Reathel Williams, Hazel Mitchell, Wanda Lee Underwood, Maxie Welch, Angie Bates, Rose Baker, Jennifer Cook and Veronica Richardson.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem Baptist Church in Rome City with Pastor Bill Tuttle officiating. Burial wasat Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers were Timothy Taylor, Tom Lynch, Mac Martin, Mike Hettler, Jeremy Ramey and Dave Sprague.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

To send online condolences or to sign an online guest book, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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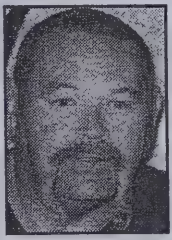
Rick Stoner

KENDALLVILLE — A celebration of life service for Rick Aaron Stoner, 55, of Kendallville will be held from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at American Legion Post No. 86 in Kendallville. The Sons of the American Legion will hold a memorial service at 5 p.m.


Mr. Stoner

Mr. Stoner died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at his home.

A service also will be held Sunday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m. at Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City.

Calling will be held an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Jan. 20.

Memorials are to the Sons of the American Legion Post No. 159.

Condolences may be left at www.keplingerfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Buchs

WATERLOO — Ruth J. Buchs, 90, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Buchs was a homemaker and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and its Rosary Society. She was especially fond of a family dog.

Mrs. Buchs

She was born Dec. 1, 1917, in Fort Wayne, to Joseph and Bertha (Scherer) Lauer. They preceded her in death.

She married Edward Buchs on Feb. 25, 1954, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. He died July 11, 1997.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Lana Buchs, Bill and Amy Buchs and Tom and Amy Buchs, all of Waterloo; a daughter, Darlene Buchs of Waterloo; and eight grandchildren, Wade and Taryn Buchs, Cory, Natalie and Lexie Buchs, and Nick, Becca and Abby Buchs,

Funeral servics will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Grace Matthews

SNOW LAKE — Grace Evans Matthews, 94, of Snow Lake, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Matthews worked as head bookkeeper of the Toledo (Ohio) Firefighters Federal Credit Union. She was then the manager of the General Mills Credit Union in Toledo until her retirement.

She and her husband, Russell, spent their retirement at their Snow Lake home in Fremont. She enjoyed reading, gardening and duplicate bridge. She also was a member of the Dervishers of the Dendarah Court No. 10, Ladies Oriental Shrine. She attended Bowling Green State University and the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing.

She was born Dec. 7, 1913. Her husband preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Kent; her daughter, Leslie; her grandson, Tom Swigart Jr.; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Chet Mauch; a brother-in-law, Carroll Matthews; a sister-in-law, Delores Matthews; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation or services. Burial will be private.

Memorials are to the Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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Martin Henderson Jr.

FREMONT — Martin L. Henderson Jr., 62, of Fremont, died Wednesday Jan. 8, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Henderson was an independent truck driver.

He enjoyed bass fishing.

He was born Feb. 2, 1945, in Angola, to Martin and Josephine (Locke) Henderson Sr. Both preceded him in death. He married Robin Reetz on Dec. 18, 1987. She survives.

He is also survived by seven sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg and Nada Henderson of LaGrange, Jim and Julie Henderson, and Martin Henderson III, all of Angola, Jason Henderson of South Bend, and Brent, Trent and Kent Henderson, all of Fremont; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Cheryl and Gene Neely of Orland, Cassie and Mike Green and Kathy and C.J. Baird, all of Angola, and Christina and Katlyn Henderson of Fremont; a sister, Clara Caywood of Flint; three brothers, Carl Henderson of Fremont, LeRoy and Glena Kunce and Roy Kunce, all of Angola; and 10 grandchildren, Farron and Natasha Pelfrey, Tamara, Rufus and Drayton Neely, and Jennifer, Jason, Brittany, Scott and Dustin Henderson.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Henderson.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Robin Henderson.

Norman Strange

FAIRMOUNT — Norman L. Strange, 87, of Fairmount, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Strange was a farmer.

He was a member of the Fairmount Friends Church.

He was born Sept. 17, 1920, in Grant County to Donald and Mildred (Baker) Strange. His father preceded him in death in 1989, and his mother in 1983. He married Susan Richards on Dec. 25, 1945. She preceded him in death Nov. 2, 1946. His second wife, Mary Maggart, died in 1981. He then married Elizabeth Richards Hickman. She survives in Fairmount.

He is also survived by a stepson and spouse, Mayor Richard and Lynne Hickman of Angola; three step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; seven nephews; and two nieces.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Strange.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, in Gas City, with the Rev. Jackie Michaelson officiating. Burial will be in Matthews Cemetery in Matthews.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope hospice in Marion.

Condolences may be left at www.nswcares.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Suzanne Buehrer

ANGOLA — Suzanne E. Buehrer, 71, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at her home after a 10-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Buehrer

Mrs. Buehrer was a homemaker.

She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church, a member of Sigma Phi Gamma-Alpha Iota chapter, and the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed shopping, bowling, travel and caring for her home and family.

She was born Oct. 1, 1936, in Butler Township, DeKalb County, to Glen and Laura (Mallon) Leiter. Both preceded her in death. She married Rance Buehrer on Sept. 30, 1961, in the Huntertown United Methodist Church. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brett and Michelle Buehrer and Brian Buehrer, all of Angola; a brother, Keith Leiter of Fort Wayne; a sister, Linda Tyler of LaOtto; and four grandchildren, Mitchell Buehrer, Brittany Nelson, Lindsay Dyson and Levi Dugger, all of Angola.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Alan LaRue officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or Cameron hospital Auxiliary.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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John Evers, longtime businessman, dies at 67

KENDALLVILLE — Longtime Kendallville and Rome City businessman John M. Evers, 67, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Evers

Mr. Evers owned and operated Evers Motor Sales in Kendallville from 1955-1975.

He had owned Blaisings Tavern in Rome City since 1990, where he had cultivated a large number of close friends. He had also owned Bogeys to Birdies driving range in Kendallville until 2005.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1958 and attended Indiana State University for two years. He then entered the United States Army, serving his country from 1961 to 1964.

Mr. Evers enjoyed spending many winters with his family and friends at Dauphin Island, Ala. He enjoyed fishing in Alabama and in Canada at Manatoulin Island.

He also loved four-wheeling with his granddaughter. He was a huge NASCAR fan and Tony Stewart was his favorite driver. He had also loved spending time with his favorite dog, who died just the day before he did.

Mr. Evers was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and served twice as exalted ruler of the Kendallville Elks Lodge.

He was born in Kendallville on May 3, 1940, to Walter H. "Hood" and Hazel B. (Kreischer) Evers. He married Sara Judith "Judy" King on Dec. 30, 1961, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Denice Evers of Rome City; a granddaughter, Delaney "Potlicker" Evers of Rome City; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joe and Jean King of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Don King of Knox; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Honorary bearers will be Terry Kurtz, Greg Reidenbach, Duane Smith, Robert Butts, Dan Cass, Owen Drerup, Gary Weitzel, Jim Shrock, Tom Garton, Carl Gipson and John McIroy.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute (after Saturday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 12, 2008, Saturday

Paul Chilcoat

COLUMBIA CITY — Paul R. Chilcoat, 50, of Columbia City died Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, at his residence after a two-year illness.

He had lived in the Columbia City area for more than 20 years, and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

He was a CNC operator at Dexter Axle in Albion for 22 years.

Mr. Chilcoat was known to be a big kid at heart and loved to play basketball, go fishing and ride go-carts. He was a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge.

On July 26, 1957, in St. Mary's, Ohio, he was born to Rafe and Beverly Chilcoat. His mother survives in St. Mary's. He married Tracie Myers at Wolf Lake on Feb. 26, 2005. She survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a stepson, Jeramie Sturgill of Columbia City; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Brandie and Keith Hollon of Fort Wayne; four stepgrandchildren; two half brothers, Rafe Chilcoat Jr. and Randy Chilcoat, both of St. Mary's; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Darlene Chilcoat and her boyfriend, Jeff David, of St. Mary's, and Lori and Greg Meece of Peoria, Ariz.; and a brother, Charles, and his girlfriend, Jeanie, of St. Mary's.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to services on Sunday.

Memorials are to Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online and the register may be signed at brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Mary Lichty

ANTWERP, Ohio — Mary B. Lichty, 87, of Antwerp, Ohio, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Lichty was an employee of General Electric in Fort Wayne for 19 years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors and enjoyed knitting.

She was born Feb. 24, 1920, in Cement City, Mich., to Andrew and Rose (Hoover) Traylor. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Max Lichty, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Mary of Payne, Ohio, Andy and Marilyn of LaGrange and Frank and Shirley of Van Wert, Ohio, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, Ohio, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Antwerp.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Margie Abell

BUTLER — Margie I. Abell, 79, of Butler died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Abell worked for Partee Co. in Spencerville and then for Lectron in Hamilton before retiring in 1996. She attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Mrs. Abell

She was born Sept. 18, 1928, in Petersburg to Joseph and Clona (Ficklin) Church. They preceded her in death.

She married Eugene Abell on Nov. 27, 1948, in Petersburg. He died March 4, 2005.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike and Kathy Abell of Newville, Larry Joe Abell of Newville and Randy Abell of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Fay and Phillip Fluke of Butler and Sharon and Dennis Bates of Bryan, Ohio; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Gary Dean and Peggy Church of Petersburg, Maurice Church of Florida, Danny and Jan Church of Mesa, Ariz., and Julius and Cookie Church of Petersburg; a sister, Midge Harvey of Hazelton; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lena May Church, and four brothers, Wayne, Carlos, Glenn and Leon Church.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health.

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David Payton

STURGIS, Mich. — David Lee Payton, 67, of Sturgis, Mich., died Friday morning, Jan. 11, 2008, at Select Specialties Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Payton retired from Manufactured Structures in Middlebury, where he had been employed as a courier for eight years. Before that, he had been employed as a diesel mechanic at Griffins Trucking in Sturgis.

He enjoyed playing cards, fishing and following the Detroit Tigers and the Detroit Lions.

He had lived in Sturgis since 1960, coming from Bronson, Mich.

He was born Nov. 5, 1940, in Auburn to Robert Lee and Jean (Carper) Payton. They preceded him in death.

He married Nellie Singleton on Sept. 19, 1964, in Sturgis. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Dora Payton and Robert and Michelle Payton; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Debbie and Brad Badders of Coldwater, Mich., Tammy and Brett Smith of Quincy, Mich., Sherry and Kevin Brueck of Sturgis and Tonya Hopkins of Sturgis; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara Browning of Colon, Mich., and Becky and Ken Davis of Centreville, Mich., and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis, with Minister Randy Poe of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating. A graveside service will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery of Sturgis.

Doris Weikel

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — A memorial service for Doris A. Weikel of Gainesville, Ga., will be held today at 4 p.m. at Lanier Village Estates, Gainesville.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Doris Putnam of Fremont, Ind.; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Denise Weikel of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Larry Van Denhandel of Oakwood; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Her husband, Herchel D. Weikel, her father, Lester Putman, and her brother, Peter Putman, preceded her in death.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231-4596.

Little Davenport Funeral Home, Gainesville, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 648 Monroe Ave. NW, Suite 004, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

For more information, visit www.Legacy.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about family members.*

Ruth Buchs

WATERLOO — Ruth J. Buchs, 90, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs Buchs

Mrs. Buchs was a homemaker and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and its Rosary Society. She was especially fond of a family dog, Beasley.

She was born Dec. 1, 1917, in Fort Wayne, to Joseph and Bertha (Scherer) Lauer. They preceded her in death.

She married Edward Buchs on Feb. 25, 1954, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. He died July 11, 1997.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Lana Buchs, Bill and Amy Buchs and Tom and Amy Buchs, all of Waterloo; a daughter, Darlene Buchs of Waterloo; eight grandchildren, Wade and Taryn Buchs, Cory, Natalie and Lexie Buchs, and Nick, Becca and Abby Buchs; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Jeanne Lauer of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Lauer, and a sister, Leona Egts.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

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Alvin Miller

GOSHEN — Alvin R. Miller, 90, of Goshen died at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, at his residence. He had been in declining health for the past five years.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and had worked at Holiday Rambler in Wakarusa. He did lawn care for Wa-Nee Community Schools after retirement.

He was a member of North Main Street Mennonite Church in Nappanee where he served as a deacon for 12 years.

On Oct. 14, 1917, in Newton County, Ind., he was born to Roman E. and Mattie (Yoder) Miller. He married Nora Nissley on Nov. 2, 1937, in Nappanee. She survives.

In addition to his wife, survivors include four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Ruby Mast and Elnora and Owen Yoder, all of Nappanee, Katie and Isaac Miller of Etna Green, and Lydia Mae and Kenneth Yoder of Sarasota, Fla.; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Tobias Miller and Roman Jr. and Barbara Miller, all of Nappanee, and Edward and Velma Miller and Marvin and Lydia Miller, all of Goshen.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at North Main Street Mennonite Church, Nappanee, with the Revs. Derrick Ramer and John Sharp officiating. Burial will be in Yellow Creek Mennonite Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Care At Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's error.*

Martin Henderson Jr.

FREMONT — Martin L. Henderson Jr., 62, of Fremont died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Henderson was an independent truck driver.

He enjoyed bass fishing.

He was born Feb. 2, 1945, in Angola to Martin and Josephine (Locke) Henderson Sr. Both preceded him in death. He married Robin Reetz on Dec. 18, 1987. She survives.

He is also survived by seven sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg and Nada Henderson of LaGrange, Jim and Julie Henderson, and Martin Henderson III, all of Angola, Jason Henderson of South Bend, and Brent, Trent and Kent Henderson, all of Fremont; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Cheryl and Gene Neely of Orland, Cassie and Mike Green and Kathy and C.J. Baird, all of Angola, and Christina and Katlyn Henderson of Fremont; a sister, Clara Caywood of Flint; three brothers, Carl Henderson of Fremont, LeRoy and Glena Kunce and Roy Kunce, all of Angola; and 10 grandchildren, Farron and Natasha Pelfrey, Tamara, Rufus and Drayton Neely, and Jennifer, Jason, Brittany, Scott and Dustin Henderson.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Henderson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Robin Henderson.

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Auburn man spent life serving others

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Dorsey and Ruth Speer are shown in 1999 with their children, from left, Skip, Deb and Jeri.

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Dorsey Speer was fun to be around and upbeat

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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AUBURN — Dorsey E. Speer may have been short in stature — 5 feet, 4 inches — but he was big in heart and soul.

He devoted his life to helping others, including not only family, friends and his beloved community, but complete strangers he met through his years working with the Salvation Army.

Mr. Speer died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, at the age of 83.

Born and raised in Auburn, he spent his childhood on his paternal grandparents' farm in rural DeKalb County. There, Dorsey's sister, Marma LaRowe of Garrett, their brother Leland and sister Dolene — "Dee" Fisher of Angola — lived with their parents, Trevor and Alice (Webster) Speer. Their parents helped their grandparents, John and Cora Speer, run the farm. Dorsey and his siblings attended a one-room schoolhouse nearby.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Dorsey Speer served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Speer's grandparents sold the farm when he was a teen. His parents and siblings moved to Waterloo, while Speer lived with his grandparents in Auburn, where he attended Auburn High School.

After graduation, Speer served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-46 during World War II. He was very proud of his service to his country, and for the rest of his life, showed the utmost respect for any veteran he met. After returning home, he met Ruth Emerson and fell in love. They were married in 1946 and spent the next 55 years together, until Ruth died in 2001.

The couple had three children, Jerilyn "Jeri" and twins, Dorsey "Skip" and Deborah "Deb," as well as 10 grandchildren.

"They were inseparable and obviously adored each other," Skip Speer said of his parents.

Dorsey Speer held a variety of jobs and enjoyed all of them. He worked for Dilgard and Cline Furniture Store and Funeral Home for 24 years and later, for Feller Furniture Store and Funeral Home, and as a salesman for Brand Mobile Home Sales in Waterloo and Rohm Chevrolet and Ben Davis Chevrolet in Auburn.

Ron Feller, founder of Feller Funeral Home, worked with Speer for almost 30 years.

"I never ran into anyone who did not like Dorsey Speer," Feller said. "If he had any weakness, it was his compassion for others."

Because of his caring nature, the ambulance runs made by funeral homes years ago — particularly those dealing with children — were especially hard on Speer, Feller said. Many times after returning from a call that involved the injury or death of a child, Speer would collapse on the floor, grief-stricken, Feller said.

Whenever there was a funeral of a child, Speer always bought a toy or stuffed animal and quietly slipped it into the casket before burial so the child "could take it with him or her," Feller remembers.

Speer's children also remember his special compassion toward children.

"Sometimes dad would come home after making a run and be devastated by what he had seen," Jeri Walburn of Ely, Minn., said of her father. "It was especially hard for him if there were children involved. He would be so upset. He loved all children."

As a salesman, "Dad always had repeat customers," said Skip Speers. "He was just a nice guy and never pressured anyone. People liked that."

"People trusted him completely," Feller said, "and they would say that was their reason for buying from him."

Speer served as a member of the Auburn City Council for 16 years and

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was president of the Auburn Rotary Club and the Auburn Jaycees. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and the American Legion Post 97.

All three of Speer's children recall sharing their holiday meals and family festivities with strangers their father had invited over.

"Dad was working for the Salvation Army, and it was nothing to come home on Thanksgiving or for a holiday meal and find several transients sitting at our table," Deb McClure said.

"Sometimes in the middle of the night, some of the regulars would show up at our house and dad would get up and take them to the Auburn Hotel, pay for a few nights' lodging and get them a decent meal," Skip Speer said.

Dorsey Speer enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling, especially with his family.

"He was the most devoted family man, proud veteran and loyal employee I've ever known," Feller said. "He was completely devoted to his wife and children."

His son-in-law, Greg McClure, said that in the 40 years he knew Speer, he never heard him say a mean word.

"He loved life and all of the people around him," McClure said. "He always went out of his way to help others."

Although he was a longtime member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Speer was not a man who believed in shouting his faith. He simply lived it — in his everyday actions, by always treating his fellow man with kindness, humility and grace and by his devotion to his community, to his family and to his faith.

Robert Schannen, Jr.

ASHLEY — Robert H. Schannen, Jr., 64, of Ashley died Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schannen was devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren. He enjoyed their many activities. Mr. Schannen loved to play golf and was a fan of the New York Yankees. He loved animals, especially his dogs.

He farmed all his life. Mr. Schannen also worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 20 years, then at Consolidated Freightways in Fremont for 19, and Aunt Millies Bakeries in Fort Wayne for six years.

He was born May 26, 1943, in Ashley to Robert H. Sr. and Thelma (Wise) Schannen. He married Nancy Hindman on June 30, 1962, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven and Stacy Schannen of Hudson and Mark Schannen and Ginnie Hart of Fort Wayne; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Katie Schannen of Aliso Viejo, Calif., Ann Maugherman of Indianapolis, Lisa and Larry Clark and Stephanie and Dave Ryan, all of Angola and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Calling will be Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Riley's Children Hospital, St. Michael's Catholic Church Restoration Fund or St. Anthony's Building Fund.

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Ersyl Dukes

KENDALLVILLE — Ersyl Gayle Dukes, 83, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at her residence.

Mrs. Dukes worked at Flint & Walling in her younger years and then was a stay-at-home mother. She also was cook and housekeeper for Sam and Madra Levin in Kendallville. She had also worked at KT's Women's Apparel in Kendallville.

She loved cooking and baking for her family and friends. She also enjoyed tending to her flower gardens. She loved to collect giraffes and spend time doing needlepoint.

Mrs. Dukes graduated from Kendallville High School in 1942. The bridge club she was active in for 50 years included 10 original members from her high school class.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and volunteered her time at the Mid-America Windmill Museum and with the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

She was born in Kendallville on Aug. 7, 1924, to Reuben T. and Lula Olive (Guthrie) Becker. She married Chester Dukes on Sept. 13, 1944, in Kendallville. He died June 7, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Sally Dukes of Clarksville, Ga., and Doug and Ruth Dukes of Milford; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Jason Lee and Eric and Amanda Dukes, all of Georgia, Kyle and Mindy Dukes of Milford and Kristi and Shane Bucher of Syracuse; and four great-grandsons, Keaton and Kane Dukes, Coltin Bucher and Collin Lee; and a brother, Fred Becker of Florida.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Robert and Daryl Becker, and a grandson, Ryan Dukes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kyle Dukes, Eric Dukes, Shane Bucher, Ron Becker, Tom Quick and Steve Owen. Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Lee and Jim McClure.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Common Grace.

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Robert Schannen Jr.

ASHLEY — Robert H. Schannen Jr., 64, of Ashley died Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schannen was devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren and enjoyed their many activities. He loved to play golf and was a fan of the New York Yankees. He loved animals, especially his dogs.

Mr. Schannen farmed all his life. He also worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 20 years, then at Consolidated Freightways in Fremont for 19 years and at Aunt Millie's Bakeries in Fort Wayne for six years.

He was born May 26, 1943, in Ashley to Robert H. Sr. and Thelma (Wise) Schannen.

He married Nancy Hindman on June 30, 1962, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven and Stacy Schannen of Hudson and Mark Schannen and Ginnie Hart of Fort Wayne; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Katie Schannen of Aliso Viejo, Calif., Ann Maugherman of Indianapolis, Lisa and Larry Clark and Stephanie and Dave Ryan, all of Angola; nine grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Jerry Foley of Hamilton and Marilyn and Steve Newman of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, St. Michael's Catholic Church Restoration Fund or St. Anthony's Building Fund.

Mary Dembickie

GARRETT — Mary C. Dembickie, 83, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, in Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

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Mary Dembickie

GARRETT — Mary Catherine Dembickie, 83, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at 6:30 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home of Aviila.

Mrs. Dembickie

Mrs. Dembickie worked in the cafeteria for Garrett schools from 1965-1975. She then worked as a clerk for the Boston Store in Garrett for two years, retiring in 1977.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harvest House, Rosary Society, Daughters of Isabella, Provena Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born June 4, 1924, in Garrett to Edmund J. and Hilaria L. (Vanderbosch) Mezydlo. They preceded her in death.

She married William T. Dembickie on Sept. 12, 1946, in Garrett. He died Jan. 31, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Janet Dembickie of Fort Wayne, Richard and Linda Dembickie of Tucson, Ariz., and Steven and Gail Dembickie of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Tom Engle of Middletown, R.I., and Nancy and Steve Stine of Garrett; a brother, Edmund Mezydlo of Westerville, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Ami Joan Stine, and three sisters, Phyllis Bedell, Joan Haffner and Roberta Grobis.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A rosary service will begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett or Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Betty Barringer

BLUFFTON — Betty Barringer, 85, of Bluffton and Lake George, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Barringer

Mrs. Barringer was a nurse. She worked at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, then returned to Bluffton and worked at Caylor-Nickel Clinic as a surgery nurse and private duty nurse. She retired in 1976.

Mrs. Barringer attended high school at Bluffton before moving and graduating from high school in Indianapolis. She then graduated from the St. Francis School of Nursing in 1951. She attended the Lutheran church and served as a director of the Lake George Association for some time.

She was born March 20, 1922, in Bluffton to Lloyd and Justine (Sawyer) Bowen. Both preceded her in death. She married Marion Barringer in Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 10, 1967. He died May 28, 2002.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and James Taylor of Bluffton; a stepdaughter, Kathy and Robert Johnson of Bluffton; a brother, Jack Bowen of Ligonier; six grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Harris in 2000; a sister, Marilyn Bowen; and four brothers, James, Don, Jerry and Max Bowen.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with the Rev. Robert Madsen officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or the memorial of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.thomarich.com.

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David Payton

STURGIS, Mich. — David Lee Payton, 67, of Sturgis, Mich., died Friday morning, Jan. 11, 2008, at Select Specialties Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Payton retired from Manufactured Structures in Middlebury, where he had been employed as a courier for eight years. Before that, he had been employed as a diesel mechanic at Griffins Trucking in Sturgis.

He enjoyed playing cards, fishing and following the Detroit Tigers and the Detroit Lions.

He had lived in Sturgis since 1960, coming from Bronson, Mich.

He was born Nov. 5, 1940, in Auburn to Robert Lee and Dorothy (Carper) Harker Payton.

He married Nellie Singleton on Sept. 19, 1964, in Sturgis. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Dora Payton and Robert and Michelle Payton; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Debbie and Brad Badders of Coldwater, Mich., Tammy and Brett Smith of Quincy, Mich., Sherry and Kevin Brueck of Sturgis and Tonya Hopkins of Sturgis; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara Browning of Mendon, Mich., and Becky and Ken Davis of Sturgis, Mich.; a half brother, Doug Payton of Garrett; a half sister, Vonda Freeman of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and his mother and stepfather, Dorothy and Pete Harker,.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis, with Minister Randy Poe of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating. A graveside service will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery of Sturgis.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 648 Monroe Ave. NW, Suite 004, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Earl Seward

ISLAMORADA, Fla. — Earl Willis Seward, 75, of Islamorada, Fla., and Clear Lake, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, after complications from a long illness.

Mr. Seward built and operated, along with his father, Seward's Marina and the Poseidon Inn at Kent Narrows, Md. After selling the business, he moved to the Florida Keys, where he lived and operated a business on Conch Key. He served as a member of the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War.

He and his friend and companion, Jo McGregor, had traveled extensively, cruising to Hawaii, the Caribbean, around South America, through the Panama Canal, and last year, around the world, visiting more than 50 ports of call. When not traveling, they divided their time between their residences in Florida and Clear Lake. He and his father were participants in the formulation of American Legion Post No. 278, in Kent Island, Md., serving as the post's first commander. He was baptized in the Kingsley Methodist Church in Chester, Md.

He was born and raised on Kent Island, Md., by Earl Warfield and Florence Willis Seward, who both preceded him in death.

He is survived by his companion, Jo McGregor; three children, Bryan Willis Seward of Columbia, Md., Elisa Seward DeFlaux of Wye Mills, Md., and Jonathan Earl Seward of Royal Oak, Md.; a daughter-in-law, Debbie O'Donnell Seward; four grandchildren, Corrine DeFlaux, Bryan Earl Seward, Rachel Seward and Jonathan Alexander Seward; and one sister, Kay Seward Roser of Stevensville, Md.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Terrence Seward.

Arrangements for burial will be made at a later date.

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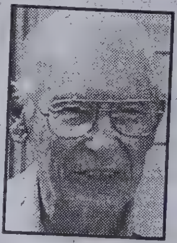
Paul Mutzfeld

BUTLER — Paul B. Mutzfeld, 100, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at Wesley Healthcare of Auburn.


Mr. Mutzfeld

Mr. Mutzfeld operated the movie projector for the Butler Theatre and worked for the Indiana State Highway Department, Higley Press, Butler Lumber Co. and Mold Service of Butler. He served as Butler clerk-treasurer for 12 years.

He was a Butler High School graduate, a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and a former member of the Butler Lions Club. He served on the board of directors for the Heimach Center and for the Butler Public Library, and delivered Meals on Wheels for several years.

He was born Sept. 23, 1907, in Butler to Eli and Sada (Sawvel) Mutzfeld.

He married Mareta Bonecutter on June 1, 1939, in Gary. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Belva and Sidney Meyer of Auburn and Lorna and Craig Atz of Ligonier; one son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Deborah Mutzfeld of Hamilton; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Wayland Mutzfeld; two sisters, Mabel Steckley and Ruth Swain; and a daughter-in-law, Shirley Mutzfeld.

A memorial service will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or Butler Library Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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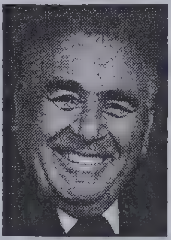
Roger Shull

AUBURN — Roger A. Shull, 87, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.


Mr. Shull

Mr. Shull worked as a truck driver for Smith Transfer of Fort Wayne for 38 years, then worked for Foley Pattern Co. of Auburn for 16 years, retiring in January 2002.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II. He was a life member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566, a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and a life member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Nov. 30, 1920, in Auburn to Elzie and Ida Mae (Hess) Shull. They preceded him in death.

He married Delores Carper on June 15, 1946, in Auburn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Roger Shull of Auburn and Ricky and Carolyn Shull, also of Auburn; three grandchildren, Erin, Abigail and Colin Shull; and one sister, Rosemarie Culbertson of Okeechobee, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Jo Shull, who died at birth, and one sister, Helen Joan Castleman.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home. Auburn Moose Lodge 566 will conduct a Moose service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Willis Tuttle

AUBURN — Willis Tuttle, 83, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Tuttle

Mr. Tuttle worked at Auburn Foundry for 25 years and retired from Garrett Industries in 1991.

He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge and a past member of the Auburn Moose Lodge. He enjoyed watching DeKalb High School sports and frequently attended many of his grandchildren's sporting events. He also enjoyed watching NASCAR, Purdue basketball and Braves baseball. His hobby was woodcrafts, and he was known by many for his Uncle Sams. He was proud of his family and enjoyed family gatherings and daily visits from his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born Dec. 16, 1924, to Freeman and Clara (Fry) Tuttle in Angola. They preceded him in death.

He married Cora Rowlison on Aug. 9, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Ralph Lint of Auburn and Connie and Paul Deignan of Lake James; a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Herma Tuttle of Auburn; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jodi and Ned Donaldson of Auburn, Jeff and Heather Lint of Crown Point, Julie and Joey Nack of Auburn, Tonia and Dave Herman of Angola, Thad and Anna Nixon of Auburn, Ryan and Kelly Deignan of Indianapolis, Tracy and Jeff Wilhelm of Waterloo and Michelle and Jon David of South Salem, N.Y.; 19 great-grandchildren, Jama and Jenna Donaldson, Nick, Steven and Megan Lint, Nolan and Kaden Nack, Justin Lamont, Brett, Mark and Madeline Herman, Alexis and Caleb Nixon, Chelsea and Kendall Wilhelm, and Jake, Peyton, Avery and Jesse David; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Arlene Tuttle of Pleasant Lake; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Floyd Stutzman of Ashley; and two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Tuttle (widow of Richard) of Elkhart and Ruby Tuttle (widow of John) of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Raymond, Richard and John, and a sister, Ruth Tuttle.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Jerry Melchi

FORT WAYNE — Jerry Lee Melchi, 55, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Fremont, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Melchi was born Dec. 10, 1952, in Angola to Jesse and Mary Jane (Thrush) Melchi, who both preceded him in death. He was married to Lorraine Melchi, who survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are four sons, Chad and Jason Melchi of Indianapolis, Jesse Melchi of Angola, and Nathan Melchi of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and five sisters, Judy Miller and Karma Dolson of Coldwater, Mich., Berdina Day of Fremont, Ginney DuBois of Hillsdale, Mich., and Joan Brown of Orland.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Thomas "Big T" Melchi; and two sisters, Janet Brown and Shirley Graham.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Jamestown Church in Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Jamestown Church.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling arrangements.

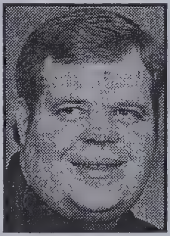
Charles Rash

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Rash, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Karl Allen

FORT WAYNE — Karl Lloyd Allen, 58, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Allen

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he was a custodian at ITT for 23 years.

Mr. Allen was an avid gardener and loved to cook. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and spending time with his dog.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and John Hayes of Wawaka; a brother, Erik Allen Sr. of Fort Wayne; nephews, Michael Keesler and Erik Allen Jr.; a niece and her husband, Amy and Jeff Haycox; and two half sisters, Laura Claxton of Georgia and Sarah Robinson and her husband, Perry, of South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Dorothy Allen.

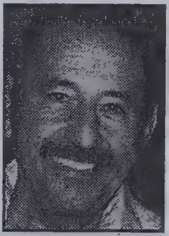
Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., with the Rev. Robert Monroe officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Bethesda Lutheran Home of Watertown, Wis.

Ralph Gibson

AUBURN — Ralph J. Gibson, 73, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at 9 p.m. at his home.


Mr. Gibson

Mr. Gibson was a farmer and worked at Zollner in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born April 28, 1934, in Allen County to Walter and Grace (Bobay) Gibson.

He married Janet Miller on Oct. 1, 1955. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Sylvia Gibson of Van Wert, Ohio, Mark and Christine Gibson of Auburn and Glenn and Kim Gibson of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Gerry and Virgil Huguenard of Monroeville and Delores and Al Schmidt of New Haven; one brother-in-law, Robert Morris of Florida; and one sister-in-law, Virginia Gibson of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Chris Gibson; one brother, Delbert Gibson; and one sister, Evelyn Morris.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to A New Day Adult Day Service of Auburn.

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Louis Smock

FORT WAYNE — Louis S. Smock, 80, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Mr. Smock was a retired self-employed accountant who had been associated with the Linnemeier & Cook Accounting firm. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He graduated from Lynn High School in 1945 and earned an accounting degree from the Indiana University School of Business in 1953.

He was born April 30, 1927, in Lynn.

Surviving are two daughters, Vicki Bandor Braun and her husband, Thomas, of Fort Wayne and Pamela Smock and her partner, Tracy Price, of Seymour; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Laura Smock of Auburn; three grandchildren, Christopher Smock, Wesley Bandor and his wife, Jammie, and Clifford Bandor; two great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; 16 stepgreat-grandchildren and four foster stepgreat-grandchildren; and four sisters, Marjorie Runkel of Union City, Ohio, Marcella Jeffries of Richmond, Jean Read of Union City and Annabelle Senior of Union City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Marie Maki Smock, in 1997; his parents, Robert Frank and Julia Smock; a sister, Esther Cook; and three brothers, Robert, Charles and Arthur Smock.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the American Heart Association or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Jim Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Jim Geiger of Churubusco died at 1:24 a.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City after collapsing unexpectedly at his home.

Mr. Geiger was the former owner and operator of Geiger Amoco in Churubusco and was currently employed at C&A Tool and Engineering.

His wife, Diane, survives.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Betty Alger

AUBURN — Betty A. Alger, 80, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Alger

Mrs. Alger was a pharmacy technician at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1984. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. She also was a member of Women of the Moose Lodge 566 and volunteered in the Curiosity Shop at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 28, 1927, in Chicago to William P. and Pauline J. (Meyer) Egar. They preceded in her death.

She married Jerry T. Alger on Feb. 3, 1951, in Chicago. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David J. and Jayne Alger of Ligonier and Jon A. and Shawn Alger of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jerri Ann Carlson of Lafayette, Beth A. and William Walsh of Auburn and Judi A. and Shannon Burgess of Albion; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, William P. "Bill" Egar Jr. of Wayzata, Minn.; and one sister, Isabel M. Egar of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn. Father David Carkenord will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

The rosary will be recited at 7:45 p.m. Thursday in the funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Roger Kuhn

ANGOLA — Roger L. Kuhn, 75, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab Center in Angola.

Mr. Kuhn worked for May Stone and Gravel in Fort Wayne and later at Inland Chemical in Fort Wayne. He then worked for Payless Supermarkets in Anderson before retiring in 1996.

He was a graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Angola and was very active in the churches he attended throughout his life, serving as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, auditor, usher and playing on church league softball and baseball teams.

He was born June 7, 1932, in Geneva to Roscoe and Helen (Bollenbacher) Kuhn. They preceded him in death.

He married Louise Stauffer on Aug. 21, 1955, in the First Mennonite Church in Berne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas S. and Susan Kuhn of Greenwood and Gregory A. and Stephani Kuhn of New Palestine; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet A. and Bill Thomas of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Tom Seymor of Cincinnati, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Bryan Kuhn, Michael Kuhn, Justin Kuhn, Bradley Thomas, Nathanael Thomas, Jennifer Thomas and Stephanie Dawson; and two great-grandchildren, Gavin and Grace Dawson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Merle Kuhn.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Faith Baptist Church of Angola with Dr. J. Arnold Fair officiating. Burial will be Friday at 3:30 p.m. at M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Ruth Troyer

LAOTTO — Ruth Troyer, 92, of LaOtto died at 1:55 a.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at The Oaks in Columbia City where she had been a resident for more than two years.

Her husband, Allen, died Aug. 21, 1980.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Robert Allman of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Harold and Joan Troyer of LaOtto and Everett and Patricia Troyer of Albion; and a sister, Mary Runyon of Albion.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Paul R. Chilcoat, 50

COLUMBIA CITY - Paul R. Chilcoat, 50, of Columbia City, died Friday, January 11, 2008 at his residence. He had been ill for the past two years.

He was born to Rafe and Beverly Chilcoat on July 26, 1957 in St. Mary's, Ohio. His father is deceased, and his mother survives in St. Mary's. Mr. Chilcoat was also a veteran of the Marine Corps. He has been in the area for more than twenty years. On February 26, 2005, he married Tracie Myers in Wolf Lake. She survives in Columbia City.

Mr. Chilcoat was a CNC Operator at Dexter Axle in Albion for 22 years. He was known to be a big kid at heart, he loved to play basketball, go fishing and go carts. He was also a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge.

Surviving are a step son, Jeramie Sturgill of Columbia City; and a step daughter, Brandie (Keith) Hollon of Fort Wayne; four step grandchildren; two half brothers, Rafe Chilcoat Jr. and Randy Chilcoat, both of St. Mary's Ohio; two sisters, Darlene Chilcoat and her boyfriend, Jeff David of St. Mary's, and Lorie (Greg) Meece of Peoria, Arizona. One brother, Charles and his girlfriend, Jeanie of St. Mary's.

Funeral services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Merriam Christian Cemetery.

Please make preferred memorial to Hospice.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Ersyl Gayle Dukes, 83

KENDALLVILLE – Ersyl Gayle Dukes, age 83, of Kendallville died on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at her residence.

Mrs. Dukes was born in Kendallville on August 7, 1924 to Reuben Tascott Becker and Lula Olive (Guthrie) Becker.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1942 and married Chester Dukes on September 13, 1944 in Kendallville. He preceded her death June 7, 1984.

She worked at Flint & Walling earlier in life and later was a stay at home mother raising her two sons.

She then kept house and cooked for Sam and Madra Levin in Kendallville and also worked at KT's Women's Apparel in Kendallville.

Ersyl loved cooking and baking for her family and friends. She also enjoyed tending to her flower gardens.

She loved to collect giraffes and spend time doing needle point.

The Bridge club she was active in for fifty years was comprised of ten original members from her high school class.

She was a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and volunteered her time at the Kendallville Windmill Museum and with the American Red Cross Blood Mobile.

Survivors include: two sons, Dennis (Sally) Dukes of Clarksville, Georgia, and Doug (Ruth) Dukes of Milford; four grandchildren: Jennifer (Jason) Lee of Geogia, Kyle (Mindy) Dukes of Milford, Kristi (Shane) Bucher of Syracuse, and Eric (Amanda) Dukes of Georgia; four great grandsons: Keaton and Kane Dukes, Coltin Bucher, and Collin Lee; a brother, Fred Becker of Florida.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Robert Bruce and Daryl Richard Becker and her grandson, Ryan Dukes.

Funeral services were at Hite Funeral Home. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Common Grace.

Casketbearers were Kyle Dukes, Eric Dukes, Shane Bucher, Ron Becker, Tom Quick, Steve Owen.

Honorary Bearers were Jason Lee and Jim McClure.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Miriam Louise Honeywell, 83

CHURUBUSCO – Miriam Louise Honeywell, age 83, died in her home on Monday, January 14, 2008. Born on March 22, 1924 in North Manchester, IN, she was the daughter of Henry and Anna (Hoffman) Smith.

She graduated with the Class of 1942 from Gilead High School and in 1944 from Ravenscroft Beauty College. On December 24, 1948 she was united in marriage to John Mason Honeywell in Fort Wayne, IN. A lifetime Churubusco resident, she was formerly employed by Dana and retired after 17 years of service. In 2007, she retired from All Printing and Publications (Albion New Era, Churubusco News and Northwest News) where she worked in the bindery and on the paper distribution since 1986. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, John (Brenda) Honeywell of Fort Wayne, IN; two daughters, Linda (Max) Bair of LaOtto, IN and JoAnn (Bill) Diehm of Fort Wayne, IN; six grandchildren, Christina McHenry of Lafayette, IN, Carla (Jason) Lowe and Carrie (Jason) Bolinger both of Kendallville, IN, Taryn Diehm and Jonathan Honeywell of Fort Wayne, and Jennifer Chaffee of Stroh, IN; eight great-grandchildren, Madison and Grant McHenry, Christopher Gordon, Alexis Lowe, Elizabeth and Jackson Bolinger, Melody and Storm Chaffee. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband on October 20, 1970; a brother, Garland Smith; and a sister, Georgianna Thomas.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Friday, January 18, 2008 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2008 at the funeral home with Pastor Sherri Long of Huntertown United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco, Allen County, IN.

Memorial bequests may be given in memory of Mrs Honeywell to the Churubusco Fire Department. To send family condolences or sign the guest register, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Arleen Mae Hyde, 90

GREENFIELD — Arleen Mae Hyde, 90, of Greenfield died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Hyde was a beautician for 65 years and owned and operated six beauty shops throughout the years and in various parts of the country, including Kendall-ville and Wolcottville.

She was a member of Bradley United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and the Ahwenasha Extension Homemakers. She was the queen mother of her chapter of the Red Hat Society.

She was born Dec. 30, 1917, in Noble County to Cleland and Vera (Reidenbach) Edmonds.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Candy Hyde of Pendleton; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon and Dan Hyde of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Dian Hyde of Greenfield; five grandchildren, Shannon Clifford, Wes Hyde, Shawn Hyde, Nathan Hyde and Cody Hyde; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Betty Edmonds of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Florance L. Hyde, whom she married Feb. 11, 1940.

Services were held at Bradley United Methodist Church in Greenfield with the Rev. Terry Campbell officiating. Burial was at Park Cemetery at Greenfield.

Memorials are to Bradley United Methodist Church, 210 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140.

Online condolences may be sent to www.stillingerfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Linda Wilson

ALBION — Linda Lou Wilson, 67, of Albion died at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at her home with her family at her side. She had been ill since Christmas.

Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Wilson grew up in Whitley County near Columbia City.

She had been employed for 17 years at Tokheim in Albion and four years at Diversitec in Columbia City. She had served as an EMT for 12 years for Noble County EMS 6 based in Albion.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Prentiss Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Albion Eagles.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and its Martha's Circle.

Mrs. Wilson enjoyed traveling to the South Texas and Arkansas areas, fishing, cooking, gardening, crafts, computers and spending time with her family.

She was born Feb. 12, 1940, near Ege in Noble County to Omar and Annabelle (Longsworth) Rosenogle. She married Vern "Pee Wee" Wilson on Dec. 29, 1956, at the Albion EUB Church. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Arlinda and Steve Barclay of Flippin, Ark.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry and Kim Wilson, Douglas and Deborah Wilson and Todd Wilson, all of Albion; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Virgil Johanns of Kimmell.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Starr Johanns; and a brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Send condolences or sign an online register at brazzell-funeralhome.com.

Calvin Faulkner

FREMONT — Calvin M. Faulkner, 87, of Lake George, Fremont, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Angola.

Mr. Faulkner was born Aug. 27, 1920.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Phyllis McCarty

AVILLA — Phyllis McCarty, 84, of Avilla died today, Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mary Able

FORT WAYNE — Mary C. Able, 79, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Able

Mrs. Able was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Garrett.

She was born Dec. 10, 1928, in Peru, Ind., to Harry and Helen Clark. They preceded her in death.

On Nov. 8, 1947, in South Whitley, she married David T. Able. He died July 7, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Barth Ragatz of Fort Wayne and Pat and Rick Rowe of Garrett; a son, Tom Able of Silver Lake; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Phil Mortensen officiating. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Miller's Merry Manor Activities Department.

To send condolences or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ruth Troyer

GREEN CENTER — Ruth Naomi (Leitch) Troyer, 92, a former resident of Green Township in Noble County, died at 1:55 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at The Oaks in Columbia City. She had been in declining health for some time, and had been a resident at the nursing home for more than two years.

Mrs. Troyer

Mrs. Troyer grew up near Green Center and lived in that area most of her life. As a young woman she was employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City, and retired in 1978 from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 36 years of service.

She was a member of Albion Wesleyan Church, and attended Green Center United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Troyer enjoyed fishing, cooking and gardening.

She was born on Jan. 13, 1916, in Green Township to James and Ottie (Duglay) Leitch. She married Allen Ross Troyer on April 27, 1935. He preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 1980.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Harold A. and Joan Troyer of rural LaOtto and Everett E. and Patricia Troyer of rural Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Bob Allman of Churubusco; two sisters, Gladys Strong of Berne and Mary Runyon of rural Albion; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Vicki and Barney Dice of LaOtto, Tim and Julie Troyer of LaOtto, Randy and Laurie Troyer of Albion, Pam and Larry Ellet of Albion, Sonya and Gregg Ward of Augusta, Ga., Tony and Diane Allman of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Dennis and Joni Allman of LaOtto; and 18 great-grandchildren and their spouses, Troy and Jennifer Dice, Jason Dice, Tara Dice, Amanda Dice, Heather and Todd Lortie, Marissa Troyer, Spencer Troyer, Nikolas Troyer, Kellie Troyer, Marcus Troyer, Lukus Troyer, Matthew Troyer, Ross and Sara Ellet, Justine Ellet, Jordan Ellet, Kirsten Allman, Andrew Allman and Korbin Allman; and three great-great-grandchildren, Dailon Dice, Simon Ellet and Bryce Ellet.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dallas C. Leitch.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson, pastor of Green Center United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Green Center United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Lucille Dewey

GARRETT — Lucille Dewey, 79, of Garrett and formerly of Dowagiac, Mich., died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at 12:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home of Garrett.

She worked as a school bus driver for Dowagiac Schools in Michigan for more than 30 years.

She was born Nov. 14, 1928, in Benton Center, Mich., to Fred and Grace (Gillem) Tripp.

Surviving are a daughter, Grace L. Dewey of Garrett; a son, Rory A. Dewey of Dowagiac, Mich., two grandsons, David L. Simpson of Albion and Donnie R. Simpson of Garrett; two granddaughters, Crystal M. Simpson of Auburn and Elena Dewey of Plymouth; two brothers, one sister and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Lester M. Dewey, and two brothers.

There will be no services or calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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Jimmy Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Jimmy R. Geiger, 64, former Churubusco businessman and a resident of rural Churubusco was dead on arrival at 1:24 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City after collapsing unexpectedly at the family residence.

Mr. Geiger

Mr. Geiger was the owner and operator of Geiger Amoco in Churubusco from 1986 until the station closed in 2004. He had been employed as a machinist at C&A Tool and Engineering in Churubusco for the past three years. He had worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 23 years.

He spent his formative years on the family farm in Green Township in Noble County and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1961.

Mr. Geiger was a member and trustee of Sugar Grove Church of God.

He bowled for many years with the Churubusco Men's Bowling League. He enjoyed fishing, country gospel music and various sporting activities.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Geiger was born on April 19, 1943, in Green Township to Tonny and Venus E. (Herron) Geiger. He married Diane Boggess on Sept. 21, 1963, in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Amy and Cary Blake of Decatur and Annette Pitz of Fort Mitchell, Ky.; three sons, Brent Geiger and his companion, J.R. Hopkins, of New York City, Deron Geiger of Decatur and Brock Geiger of Churubusco; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Joan Geiger of Hernando, Miss., Bill and Wavelin Geiger of Prescott, Ariz., C.L. "Pete" and Chris Geiger of Marysville, Ohio, Larry and Kathy Geiger and Roger "Hump" and Barbara Geiger, all of Phoenix, Ariz., and Richard "Louie" and Valerie Geiger of Churubusco; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marilyn J. Fulk; and five brothers J.D. "Jake" Geiger, Duane Geiger, Glenn Geiger, Don Geiger and Gerald Geiger.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to service Sunday.

Memorials are to the Sugar Grove Church of God Benevolent Fund.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 17, 2008, Thursday

Betty Alger

AUBURN — Betty A. Alger, 80, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Alger

Mrs. Alger was a pharmacy technician at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1984. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. She also was a member of Women of the Moose Lodge 566 and volunteered in the Curiosity Shop at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 28, 1927, in Chicago to William P. and Pauline J. (Meyer) Egar. They preceded in her death.

She married Jerry T. Alger on Feb. 3, 1951, in Chicago. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David J. and Jayne Alger of Ligonier and Jon A. and Shawn Alger of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jerri Ann Carlson of Lafayette, Beth A. and William Walsh of Auburn and Judi A. and Shannon Burgess of Albion; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, William P. "Bill" Egar Jr. of Wayzata, Minn.; and one sister, Isabel M. Egar of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn. Father David Carkenord will officiate.

Calling will be today, Thursday, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

The rosary will be recited at 7:45 p.m. Thursday in the funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Paul Mutzfeld

BUTLER — Paul B. Mutzfeld, 100, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at Wesley Healthcare of Auburn.

Mr. Mutzfeld operated the movie projector for the Butler Theatre and worked for the Indiana State Highway Department, Higley Press, Butler Lumber Co. and Mold Service of Butler. He served as Butler clerk-treasurer for 12 years.

Mr. Mutzfeld

He was a Butler High School graduate, a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and a former member of the Butler Lions Club. He served on the board of directors for the Heimach Center and for the Butler Public Library, and delivered Meals on Wheels for several years.

He was born Sept. 23, 1907, in Butler to Eli and Sada (Sawvel) Mutzfeld.

He married Mareta Bonecutter on June 1, 1939, in Gary. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Belva and Sidney Meyer of Auburn and Lorna and Craig Atz of Ligonier; one son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Deborah Mutzfeld of Hamilton; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Wayland Mutzfeld; two sisters, Mabel Steckley and Ruth Swain; and a daughter-in-law, Shirley Mutzfeld.

A memorial service will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or Butler Library Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to: www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Betty Barringer

BLUFFTON — Betty Barringer, 85, of Bluffton and Lake George, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Barringer

Mrs. Barringer was a nurse. She worked at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, then returned to Bluffton and worked at Caylor-Nickel Clinic as a surgery nurse and private duty nurse. She retired in 1976.

Mrs. Barringer attended high school at Bluffton before moving and graduating from high school in Indianapolis. She then graduated from the St. Francis School of Nursing in 1951. She attended the Lutheran church and served as a director of the Lake George Association for some time.

She was born March 20, 1922, in Bluffton to Lloyd and Justine (Sawyer) Bowen. Both preceded her in death. She married Marion Barringer in Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 10, 1967. He died May 28, 2002.

She is survived by a daughter and son in-law, Beverly and James Taylor of Bluffton; a stepdaughter, Kathy and Robert Johnson of Bluffton; a brother, Jack Bowen of Ligonier; six grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Harris in 2000; a sister, Marilyn Bowen; and four brothers, James, Don, Jerry and Max Bowen.

Services were Tuesdayat the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with the Rev. Robert Madsen officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or the memorial of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.thomarich.com.

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Miriam Honeywell

CHURUBUSCO — Miriam Louise Honeywell, 83, of Churusbusco died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Honeywell

Mrs. Honeywell was a lifetime Churubusco resident.

She had been employed by Dana Corp. and retired with 17 years of service. In 1986 she began working in the bindery and distribution area at the Albion New Era and retired in 2007.

Mrs. Honeywell was a 1942 graduate of Gilead High School and 1944 graduate of Ravenscroft Beauty College.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born on March 22, 1924, in North Manchester to Henry and Anna (Hoffman) Smith. She married John M. Honeywell on Dec. 24, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He died Oct. 20, 1970.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Brenda Honeywell of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Max Bair of LaOtto and JoAnn and Bill Diehm of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Christina McHenry of Lafayette, Carla and Jason Lowe and Carrie and Jason Bolinger, all of Kendallville, Taryn Diehm and Jonathan Honeywell of Fort Wayne and Jennifer Chaffee of Stroh; eight great-grandchildren, Madison McHenry, Grant McKinney, Kristopher Gordon, Alexis Lowe, Elizabeth and Jackson Bolinger and Melody and Storm Chaffee.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Garland Smith, and a sister, Georgianna Thomas.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Sherri Long of Huntertown United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Fire Department.

Send condolences or sign the guest register at www.demoneygrimes.com.

Elizabeth Hensch

HOUSTON, Texas — Elizabeth (Johnston) Hensch, 84, of Houston and formerly of Rome City died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, in Houston.

Mrs. Hensch was born Sept. 9, 1923, in Decatur to Samuel and Edna Johnston.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Retta and Sean Kasper; a grandson, Michael Baker; a granddaughter, Kristen Baker; a brother, Hiram Johnston, of Temple, Texas; and several nieces and nephews in Northeast Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Orlo and Richard, and a sister, Lillian.

Services were held Wednesday at the chapel of Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home in Houston.

Charles Rash

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Delbert Rash, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Rash

Mr. Rash owned the Avilla News in the early 1960s. He then founded Kendallville Printing, which he sold and is now known as Modern Printing. He worked at Modern Printing until his retirement.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served during World War II.

Mr. Rash was a member of Grayston Avenue United Brethren Church in Huntington.

He was also a member of American Legion Post 86.

Mr. Rash was an avid golfer.

He was born May 22, 1929, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Robert Rash and Catherine Rash.

Surviving are four sons; Charles D. Rash Jr. of Kendallville, Channing Rash of Huntington, Robert Rash of California and Kenneth Rash of Cypress, Texas; three daughters, Carol Rash of Chicago, Eva Rash of California and Tammy Walton of Houston, Texas; a brother, Max Rash of Fallon, Nev.; a sister, Eva Nell Anderson of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Howard Anderson officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Phyllis McCarty

AVILLA — Phyllis Ann McCarty, 84, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, at her home near Avilla.

Mrs. McCarty

Mrs. McCarty was employed with Monsanto in Ligonier for many years and assisted on the family farm.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Mrs. McCarty was born in Kendallville on May 5, 1923, to Kenneth and Flora (Hasselman) Gehring. She married Virgil Eugene on Feb. 25, 1944, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Adrian, Mich. He died Jan. 20, 1999.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Shirley McKinley of Kendallville, Sally McCarty of Avilla, Luanne and Ron Kammerer of Kendallville and Brenda and Bob Ulch of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, William McKinley of LaOtto; Eric McKinley, Jeremy McKinley, Chad McKinley, Bryan Kammerer, Ryan Ulch and Olivia Ulch, all of Kendallville, Kelly Kammerer of Zionsville and Melinda Kammerer of Indianapolis; one great-grandchild, Matthew McKinley; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Fran Gehring and Ken and Bonnie Gehring, all of Kendallville.; and a sister, Evelyn Shumaker of Kendallville.

She was preceded also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Esther Gehring, who died Nov. 26, 2007.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville. Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Delbert Cobbs

CORUNNA — Delbert L. Cobbs, 82, of Corunna, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Cobbs

Mr. Cobbs owned and operated Cobbs Live Bait in Corunna, retiring in 1990, and also was a part-time farmer. He enjoyed fishing and watching his granddaughter participate in sports. He had been a private in the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

He was born Oct. 17, 1925, in Vicksburg, Mich., to Harley A. and Emma (DeBrian) Cobbs. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Grady Holifield of Hudson; a granddaughter and her husband, Michelle and Gary Cantrell of Paintsville, Ky.; two great-grandchildren, Alexis and Austin Cantrell of Paintsville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Arthur Cobbs of Garrett and Carl and Pat Cobbs of Corunna; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Esther Andrus of St. George, Utah, Eleanor Fee of Waterloo and Shirley and David Ely of Auburn; and two ex-wives, Beverly Thurman of Garrett and Zaundra Hicks of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a son, Delbert L. Cobbs Jr., and three brothers, Cleo Cobbs, Jack Cobbs and Harley Cobbs Jr.

Services will be Sunday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from noon-2 p.m. and 4 -6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alexis and Austin Cantrell College Fund, in care of Farmers State Bank, Ashley.

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Calvin Faulkner

FREMONT — Calvin M. Faulkner, 87, of Lake George, Fremont, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Faulkner owned Faulkner Real Estate of Fort Wayne and Steuben County. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Faulkner

He graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1940. He was a member of the Waynedale American Legion Post No. 241, and past Commander in 1948-49. He was a member of the Summit City Lodge No. 170 F & AM in Fort Wayne, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, and the Mizpah Temple in Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 27, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Merle and Edna Grace (Miller) Faulkner, who both preceded him in death. He married Ailene M. Ruby on Aug. 12, 1943, in Youngstown, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Aug. 18, 1998.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn Jolliff of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Linda and Mike Smey of Summerduck, Va.; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Kay Faulkner of Fremont; five grandchildren, Rob Hoover, Pam Kachur, Adam Faulkner and Mitchel Faulkner; five great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Wallace "Butch" and Phyllis Castle of Coldwater, Mich.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Clarabelle "Bell" and Noble "Bud" Whiteman of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Marilyn Faulkner in 1962; and a sister, Iolene Spangler.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Military services will be conducted by Waynedale American Legion members.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson Disease Association or to Cameron Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Linn

CHURBUSCO — Shirley Virginia Linn, 80, of Churubusco died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Linn spent most of her adult life in the Fort Wayne and Whitley County areas.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Linn was born Nov. 25, 1927, in Chicago to Albert and Olive (Wilson) Fritz. She married Darryl R. Linn in 1968. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Ted and Shirley Sterling of Fort Wayne, Jay and Susan Beaver of Toledo, Ohio, and Janet and Jerry Carnahan of Angola; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three sisters Darlene and Donald "Doc" Welsh of Churubusco, Pat Geisler of Columbia City and Gerry Phares of Hopewell, Va.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jerry Lee Phares, and a brother, Edward Fritz.

Services will be at 2 p.m. held Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Jeff Stedge officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Mary Wells Barrand

PLEASANT LAKE — Mary L. Wells Barrand, 77, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Barrand had worked at Wayne Home Equipment and Joseph H. Cohen & Son.

She was a member of the Pleasant Lake Fire Department Auxiliary and graduated high school from the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

She was born Aug. 2, 1930, in Auburn, to Dewey and Florence Wells. Her mother later remarried; her stepfather was Richard Ritchie. All three proceeded her in death. She married Hubert Barrand on June 3, 1949, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Cindy Barrand of Orland, and Richard Barrand of Elkhart; a daughter, Suzanna Barrand of Pleasant Lake; a half brother, Richard Ritchie of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Dan and Missy Barrand, David Barrand and Robin and Josh Laymon; and two great-grandchildren, Ryley and Tony Barrand.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Wells.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mary Ellen Stepp

AUBURN — Mary Ellen Stepp, 81, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stepp

Mrs. Stepp was a registered nurse, working in local hospitals and private practice. She worked in Dr. Bradley Hughes' office and was the head nurse on the third floor at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She retired Nov. 1, 1991.

She volunteered for Compassion Pregnancy Center in Auburn. She was a member of Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church of Garrett, where she was always very active, serving as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent and on the music committee for many years.

She was born Nov. 21, 1926, in Wabash County to Joseph Clyde and Edith Pearl (Strohl) Sterling. They preceded her in death.

She married Bert Stepp in July 1949 in Lincolnville. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Samuel and Sue Stepp of Milford, Ill., Paul and Beth Stepp of Angola, James and Teresa Stepp of Mansfield, Mo., and Jon and Char Stepp of Nappanee; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Everett and Marilyn Slagle of Pella, Iowa, and Dan and Norma Slagle of Wabash; and a sister, Ruth Summers of Hemet, Calif.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, 4395 C.R. 7, Garrett. The Rev. Joe Laher will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Youth for Christ or Child Evangelism Fellowship.

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January 19, 2008, Saturday

Robert Westfall

BLUFFTON — Robert Eugene Westfall, 78, of Bluffton, died Friday morning, Jan. 18, 2008, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton.

Mr. Westfall

Mr. Westfall was a dairy farmer in Wells County, retiring in 1987. After retiring from farming, he worked at Appraisal Research Corp. He and his wife served as caretakers of the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

He was the Sunday School superintendent and treasurer of South Liberty Christian Church until it closed and then attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton. He was a member of the Wheels of Yesteryear.

He was born June 12, 1929, in Van Buren to Earl Leon and Edith Dale (Bradford) Westfall. They preceded him in death.

He married Edith Lou Trotter on March 20, 1949, in Landess. She died Dec. 27, 2007.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald E. and Trudy Westfall of Bluffton and Roger A. and Irene Westfall of Huntington; a daughter and son-in-law, Roberta S. and Brian Carnahan of Spencerville; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Rose Marie Westfall of Van Buren and Russell and Judy Westfall of Van Buren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bonnie Johnson and Joan Bryant.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the First Church of the Nazarene, 1515 Clark Ave., Bluffton. Pastor Aaron Westfall and Pastor Larry Sheets will officiate. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. S.R. 124, Bluffton.

Memorials are to Wells County 4-H Park, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Mary Wells Barrand

PLEASANT LAKE — Mary L. Wells Barrand, 77, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Barrand had worked at Wayne Home Equipment and Joseph H. Cohen & Son.

She was a member of the Pleasant Lake Fire Department Auxiliary and graduated high school from the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

She was born Aug. 2, 1930, in Auburn to Dewey and Florence Wells. Her mother later remarried; her stepfather was Richard Ritchie. All three proceeded her in death. She married Hubert Barrand on June 3, 1949, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Cindy Barrand of Orland, and Richard Barrand of Elkhart; a daughter, Suzanna Barrand of Pleasant Lake; a half brother, Richard Ritchie of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Dan and Missy Barrand, David Barrand and Robin and Josh Laymon; and two great-grandchildren, Ryley and Toby Barrand.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Wells.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.
Repeating to provide additional information.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 19, 2008, Saturday

Alexander Yanuszeski

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Alexander D. Yanuszeski, 87, of Oklahoma City and formerly of Garrett died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, in Oklahoma City following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Yanuszeski had been a buyer for the Oklahoma Hardware Co. and a longtime Oklahoma resident.

He was a 1939 graduate of Garrett High School and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was born Sept. 23, 1920, in Garrett to Vincent P. and Helen (Sikorski) Yanuszeski.

His wife, Ellen "Jeanne" Herwig Yanuszeski, preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother, Richard Yanuszeski of Kendallville, and a sister, Dolores Doolittle of Lillian, Ala.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin "Red" Yanuszeski and Valentine "Volly" Yanuszeski.

Services were held in Oklahoma City.

Mindy Goodwin-Jordan

ANGOLA — Mindy L. Goodwin-Jordan, 28, of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at her home.

She worked as a certified nursing assistant at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Angola.

She was born May 22, 1979, in Newark, Ohio, to Albert "Pete" and Tammra (Offenbecher) Goodwin Jr., who survive in Angola. She was engaged to be married to Tom Smith, who survives in Angola.

Other survivors include two daughters, Serenity Green and Destiny Jordan, both at home in Angola; her maternal grandmother, Eunice Eckert of Angola; and a sister, Terra Goodwin of Newark, Ohio.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Angola with President Robin Bork officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family in care of Tammy Goodwin.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional survivors.*

Elizabeth Hensch

HOUSTON, Texas — Elizabeth (Johnston) Hensch, 84, of Houston and formerly of Rome City died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, in Houston.

Mrs. Hensch was born Sept. 9, 1923, in Decatur to Samuel and Edna Johnston.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Retta and Sean Kasper; a grandson, Michael Baker; a granddaughter, Kristen Baker; a brother, Hiram Johnston, of Temple, Texas; and several nieces and nephews in northeast Indiana, including James Reick of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Orlo, Richard and Kenneth, and a sister, Lillian.

Services were Wednesday at the chapel of Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home in Houston.

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January 19, 2008, Saturday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include an additional survivor and correct an error.*

Calvin Faulkner

FREMONT — Calvin M. Faulkner, 87, of Lake George, Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Northern Lake Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Faulkner

He was the owner of Faulkner Real Estate with offices in Fort Wayne and Steuben County. He graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1940 and was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He was a member of the Waynedale American Legion Post 241, and was past commander in 1948 and 1949. He was a member of the Summit City Lodge 170, F&AM in Fort Wayne, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, and Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 27, 1920 in Fort Wayne to Merle L. Faulkner and Edna Grace (Miller) Faulkner Castle. They are both deceased. He married Ailene M. Ruby on Aug. 12, 1943, in Youngstown, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Aug. 18, 1998.

Survivors include two daughters and one son-in-law, Carolyn Jolliff of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Linda and Mike Smey of Summerduck, Va.; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Kay Faulkner of Fremont; five grandchildren, Rob Hoover, Pam Kachur, Adam Faulkner, Cassie Faulkner and Mitchel Faulkner; five great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Wallace "Butch" and Phyllis Castle of Coldwater, Mich.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Clarabelle "Bell" and Noble "Bud" Whiteman of Fort Wayne.

Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Marilyn Faulkner, who died in 1962, and a sister, Iolene Spangler.

A graveside service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Military committal services will be conducted by members of the Waynedale American Legion.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. A Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson's Disease Association or to Cameron Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 20, 2008, Sunday

June Bingham

HUNTINGTON — June E. Bingham, 83, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bingham

Mrs. Bingham was a lifetime member of St. Peter's First Community Church where she was a nursery supervisor and member of the friendship circle. She also worked as a bookkeeper at Andrews Greenhouse. She enjoyed crocheting and weaving rugs.

She was born on Nov. 17, 1924, in Huntington to David A. and Sofrona (Dubbs) Barnes. She married James D. Bingham in May 24, 1946, who preceded in death May 4, 1997.

She is survived by a daughter, Joanna and Arthur Kline of Huntington; three sons and their spouses, Bernard and Dottie Bingham of Butler, Gordon and Lora Bingham of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Daniel and Betty Bingham of Huntington; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Maurice Barnes.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's First Community Church with Pastor Gary Newton officiating. Visitation will be today from 3-7 p.m. and one hour prior to Monday's services at Deal-Rice Funeral Home-Huntington Chapel.

Memorials are to St. Peter's First Community Church or the Daniel Jay Bingham Jr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Deal-Rice Funeral Home, 338 E. Washington St., Huntington, IN 46750. Online condolences may be sent to ricefun@comcast.net.

Janice Witte

ST. JOE — Janice I. Witte, 76, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Witte was born on Dec. 13, 1931, in St. Joe to Harry and Lulu Shuff. She married Richard Lee Witte Sept. 5, 1953, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her death April 14, 2005.

Mrs. Witte is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Diane Witte of St. Joe; three daughters and their spouses, Valerie Sue Shaefer of St. Joe, Jill and Noah Moore of St. Joe, and Vickie and John Woolever of Auburn; nine siblings, Joan Jackie Walker and Roseanne Kinsey, all of St. Joe, Faye Ells and Claudia Hulbert and James Shuff, all of Auburn, Chalmer Shuff or Arizona, Shirley Chapman of Butler and Bill Shuff of California;10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Witte was preceded in death by four sisters, Kaye M. Ellis, Linda Sattison, Kate Clady and Mary Snook; four brothers, Harry Jr., Franklin, Maurice and Robert Shuff, and a great-granddaughter, Kylee Everage.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joe Church of Christ with Pastor Eddie Clark officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to Autism Community Together, P.O. Box 8230, Fort Wayne, IN 46898.

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Jacob devoted to family, community

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Dorothy "Ruthie" Jacob died Jan. 5. Here, she dances with her husband, Wendell, who served as the mayor of Angola.

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ANGOLA — Loving, devoted and determined are how friends and family members portray Dorothy Ruth "Ruthie" Jacob, who died Jan. 5.

"Any nice words you can think of would probably describe my wife, Ruthie," said G. Wendell Jacob.

Ruthie was born Sept. 13, 1920, in Chicago to Otis Allen and Claudia Ruth (Snyder) Green. She married Wendell on Dec. 5, 1942. He was owner of Jacob Insurance Service in Angola and served as mayor of Angola.

Ruthie was actively involved in her community. She was a member and secretary at the Angola United Methodist Church. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, sewing circles, the Angola Garden Club, Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the Angola Book Review Club.

Ruthie had been educated and trained to work as a secretary. She was the secretary to the vice president of Armour meat packing company in Chicago before spending time as a homemaker.

Her nephew, Kim Tubergan, said she was a meticulous housekeeper. She took time to cook for her husband as long as she was able to, getting up to make and eat breakfast with him, making him a sandwich for lunch and often cooking dinner for the family.

"She was the epitome of a housewife," Tubergan said.

Her role as a housewife was shown in the way she took care of the needs of her family and other loved ones. Tubergan described her as devoted to her family. She read to, played with and spent time with her son, Glenn, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"She was a wonderful mother," Wendell said. "Just dedicated to the idea that she was going to do the proper rearing of our child."

Her dedication to family grew throughout the years. Her granddaughter Kathryn Lawson had a wedding in 2001, shortly after Ruthie had hip surgery. Despite her husband's warnings not to dance at the reception, Ruthie would not give in.

"She said, 'I am going to dance at my granddaughter's wedding,'" he said.

Ruthie displayed a special talent at family gatherings. She had a loud, clear whistle she used as a signal to her family when she wanted them for something. Though her family knew her whistle and what it meant, not everyone who heard it immediately recognized the meaning of it.

"Her whistle even prevailed at the nursing home," Wendell said. After moving to Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola, Ruthie used her whistle in lieu of another call to get the attention of staff.

One thing Tubergan said he always remembered about his aunt was the close relationship she had with her husband. He talked of how Ruthie and Wendell would always go to coffee together in the morning and spend vacation time together.

"They were always a couple," he said.

Both Jacob and Tubergan described her as very thoughtful, always looking out for her friends and family. Wendell said she took care to plan family activities and vacations and to always coordinate their plans while meeting everyone's needs.

"She was just a wonderful person," he said.

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Alden McClure Jr.

AUBURN — Alden Ray "Sonny" McClure Jr. 52, of Auburn died unexpectedly and was found at his home at 4:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2007.

Mr. McClure Jr.

Mr. McClure spent his formative years in Churubusco and was a 1974 graduate of Churubusco High School.

He had worked at Graber Excavating in Auburn for several years, and for the past seven years had worked in road construction for Wayne Asphalt & Construction Co. Inc. in Fort Wayne.

An avid sports fan, he enjoyed golf and recently had scored a hole-in-one. He enjoyed fishing, bluegrass music, and was a fan of the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana University basketball and NASCAR.

Mr. McClure was a member of the Professional Golf Association.

He was born Dec. 5, 1955, in Fort Wayne to Alden Ray McClure Sr. and Betty J. (Walker) McClure.

Surviving are a daughter, Tinly Hoffman of Fort Wayne; his mother and stepfather, Betty J. and Leroy Lawson of Churubusco; his siblings and their spouses, Carol Butler of Spencerville, Gloria Hughett of Fort Wayne, June Houlton of Auburn, Linda and Duane Barth of Columbia City, Beverly and Joe Gray of Archbold, Ohio, David McClure and his fiancee, Rebecca Coffelt, of Columbia City, Aaron McClure and his fiancee, Cynthia Freeman, of Churubusco, and Wanda Van Horn of Auburn; and three grandchildren Austin Hoffman, Peyton Gaff and Alyvia Hoffman.

He was preceded in death by his father and a son, Jeremy Ray Hoffman, on Nov. 3, 2002.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Alayna Lambright

TOPEKA — Alayna Faith Lambright was stillborn at 12:02 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital to Dennis and Ronda (Yoder) Lambright of Topeka.

Surviving with her parents are two sisters, Emily Deann Lambright and Serena Jane Lambright, both at home; and her grandparents, Dave and Mary Yoder of Topeka and Alvin and Marcia Lambright of Topeka.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka with Bishop John Eash officiating.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Ralph Kemerly

AVILLA — Ralph L. Kemerly, 89, of Avilla died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at 7:44 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Kemerly

Mr. Kemerly had moved to the area in 1973 from Detroit, Mich.

He had retired in 1997 as a maintenance man for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Corp.

Mr. Kemerly served in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II in the Pacific.

He was devoted to his family.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1918, in Chicago to Herman and Maude (Brown) Kemerly. He married Maxine Imler on Dec. 20, 1940. She died on May 28, 1982.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Anna Kemerly of Avilla and Steve and Rita Kemerly of LaOtto; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and William Gay of Avilla; his grandchildren and their spouses, David and Georgia Kemerly Jr., Linda and Brent Ramsey, Kirk and Kim Gay, Chad and Kristy Gay, Jamie and Pam Kemerly and Crystal Sobieski; 15 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Francis Winkler of Kentucky and Martha Taggert of Wisconsin.

All services will be private.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register, go to brazzell-funeralhome.com.

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John Klug

FORT WAYNE — John Klug, 65, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Klug served in the U.S. Navy and worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, then began driving a truck as an owner-operator, retiring in 2006.

He was born May 12, 1942, to Paul and Miriam Klug, who both preceded him in death.

He is survived by three children, Marsha and Neil Foster, Troy and Monica Klug, and Jim and Bonnie Klug; eight grandchildren, Amanda Klug, Ashley Klug, Jessica Lapp, Carissa Klug, Adrianna Foster, Kaitlyn Foster, Ava Foster, and Talesa Klug; two sisters, Sharon and Tom Gollmer, and Jenny and Doug Caston; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Helen Swick

LAGRANGE — Helen E. Swick, 81, of LaGrange died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Norma Russell

KENDALLVILLE — Norma Russell, 92, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Timothy Beem

CAMDEN, Mich. — Timothy Michael Beem, 37, of Camden, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, at his home.

He worked at Metaldyne in Edon, Ohio, for 13 years.

He was a 1988 graduate of Camden High School. He belonged to the Moose Lodge in Fremont. He loved music, especially singing and playing bass in his band. He also enjoyed spending time with his girls.

He was born March 5, 1970, in Angola to Larry and Edith (Long) Beem. His mother preceded him in death, and his father survives in Reading, Mich. He married Kelly Graham on May 25, 2005. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sarah, Angella, and Ashlee Beem of Camden; two stepchildren, Zachary and Jordyn Brown of Tacoma, Wash.; a sister, Lorrie Beard of Camden; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Derwood and Mary Beem, Lawrence Long and Florence Koos.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the George White Funeral Home, Reading. Burial will be in Berg Cemetery in Montgomery, Mich.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Beem children.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information.*

Janice Witte

ST. JOE — Janice I. Witte, 76, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Witte was a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ.

She was born on Dec. 13, 1931, in St. Joe to Harry and Lulu Shuff.

She married Richard Lee Witte on Sept. 5, 1953, in Fort Wayne. He died April 14, 2005.

Mrs. Witte is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Diane Witte of St. Joe; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Valerie Sue Shaefer of St. Joe, Jill and Noah Moore of St. Joe, and Vickie and John Woolever of Auburn; nine siblings, Joan Mills, Jackie Walker and Roseanne Kinsey, all of St. Joe, Faye Tarlton and Claudia Hulbert, both of Auburn. James Shuff of Garrett, Chalmer Shuff of Arizona, Shirley Chapman of Butler and Bill Shuff of California;10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Witte was preceded in death by four sisters, Kaye M. Ells, Linda Sattison, Kate Clady and Mary Snook; four brothers, Harry Jr., Franklin, Maurice and Robert Shuff, and a great-granddaughter, Kylee Everage.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ with Pastor Eddie Clark officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to Autism Community Together, P.O. Box 8230, Fort Wayne, IN 46898.

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Carolyn Hary

BRIGHTON, Mich. — Carolyn Jeanne (Allen) Hary died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008.

She was born June 4, 1922, to Dr. Clair and Loreen Allen in Roseburg, Ore. She attended Oregon State University and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

She married Charles Hary in June 1944.

She and her family moved in 1953 to Auburn, where she resided until moving to Brighton, Mich., in 2002.

She was an excellent cook, seamstress, and knitter of sweaters for all of her children and her four grandchildren. Some of those sweaters have been passed down to her great-granddaughter and great-grandson-to-be.

She was a Girl Scout leader for many years. She loved gardening, playing bridge, doing crossword puzzles and was a voracious reader.

Surviving are three children, Greg Hary, Beth Minert and her husband, Dan, and Robin Schnell, and her husband, Kim.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a brother, Dr. William C. Allen, whose wife, Lois, survives.

She wished to be cremated, and her ashes will be taken to the Umpqua River in Roseburg.

Norma Russell

KENDALLVILLE — Norma H. Russell, 93, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

Mrs. Russell was retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 8, 1914. She married Arthur R. Russell and he preceded her death in 1987.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Teresa Bennigan of Irmo, S.C., and Tabitha Slone of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a son, Donald Bennigan, in 1999.

Funeral services and burial will be at 2 p.m. today at the Odd Fellows' Cemetery in New Haven.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Viola Keller

EDON, Ohio — Viola P. "Vicky" Keller, 78, of rural Edon, Ohio, died at 3:50 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, in Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Keller

Mrs. Keller was a homemaker and a longtime sales representative for Tupperware and Stanley Home Products. She was a 1947 graduate of Metz High School in Steuben County, where she was the class valedictorian. She was a member of the former Columbia Ladies Aide in Columbia, Ohio.

She was born Nov. 12, 1929, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Irwin G. and Theresia (Goebel) Haddix.

She married Jack L. Keller on Nov. 12, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 3, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Karen and Robert Green and Jeri Ann Williams, all of Columbia, Ohio, and Stacy and Jeff Hart, of LaGrange, Ky.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Sevilla Miller of Adrian, Mich., Corda Curtis of Angola and Grace Redmond of Pace, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lorna Conley, in 1969, four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Robert Koenig officiating. Interment will follow in Billingstown Cemetery near Columbia, Ohio.

Calling will be at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to a hospice of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Dawn Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — Dawn Marie Jackson, 49, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, at her home.

She was born Dec. 12, 1958, in Fort Wayne to Robert C. and Mary H. (Deppen) Jackson.

Surviving are her companion, Ronald R. Johnson of South Bend; her mother, Mary Jackson of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Linda S. Fahlsing of Avilla and Kathleen J. Gibson of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Michael Jackson of Avilla, R. Andrew Jackson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Timothy Jackson of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father and a son, Adam Nicholous Jackson.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with Chaplain Mike Smith officiating.

Myrtle Pehlke

FORT WAYNE — Myrtle C. Pehlke, 93, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Ligonier died Friday, Jan. 18, 2007, at Covington Manor Health & Rehab Center.

Mrs. Pehlke was a homemaker.

She was a native of Chicago and had lived in Ligonier from 1948 until 1970 when she moved to Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two sons, Tom Pehlke and Kenneth Pehlke, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a stepgreat-grandchild; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Clara Kaichuck; her husband, Fred, in 1965; two sisters, her twin Mildred and Harriet; and a brother, Harold.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorial are to the Allen County S.P.C.A., 4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne, IN.

Patricia Besson

WARSAW — Patricia M. Besson, 80, of Warsaw died at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, at her residence.

Mrs. Besson was a homemaker and had helped on the family farm. She had also worked at Depuy and at Schrader Automotive. She volunteered at Kosciusko County Hospital.

She was a 1945 graduate of Sidney High School and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She was born on Dec. 22, 1927, in North Manchester.

Surviving are her husband of nearly 60 years Paul Besson of Warsaw; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Michael Powell of Claypool and Lynn and James Rupley of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and June Besson of Columbia City; five grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; three stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Bruce Pottenger of North Manchester.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a stepgrandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Healthcare & Hospice, 902 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580 to the donor's choice.

Condolences are to mchatton-sadlerfuneralchapels.com.

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Milton Dexter Jr.

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — Milton H. Dexter Jr., 73, of Charlotte died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, from complications due to Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Dexter joined the U.S. Army at age 17 and served for 18 years. During the Korean War, he served as a supply sergeant and taught classes in weapons in the Army Reserves.

He drove a truck for 10 years for Pierce Brothers and worked for Conrail for 30 years.

Mr. Dexter was an active member of the Spiritualist Church for 25 years. He was also a member of the Eagles, Moose, VFW and American Legion.

He was born March 20, 1934, to Milton H. Dexter Sr. and Violet Claybaugh Dexter. Both of his parents died from complications due to Parkinson's disease.

Surviving are his wife, Martee Stahl Dexter; a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Roy Fineis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and Dan Glasen and Lauri and Steve Stanhope; his stepchildren and their spouses, Charlie Stahl, Michael and Crissie Stahl and Toni and James Salazar; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10, at the American Legion Post, 1000 W. Lawrence St., Charlotte. A dinner will follow.

Mr. Dexter donated his body for Parkinson's disease research.

Memorials are to MedCure, P.O. Box 55730, Portland, OR 97238.

Felicia Tink-Bermudez

AUBURN — Felicia Jane Tink-Bermudez, 27, of Auburn and formerly of Butler, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, at her home.

She served in the U.S. Navy from 1998 to 2002.

She attended the First United Methodist Church of Auburn and attended the Women of Faith Sunday School Class. She was a member of the YMCA.

She was born Dec. 26, 1980, in Butler to Kathleen Jane Whitman. She survives in Butler.

She married Felix R. Bermudez on May 15, 1999, in the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Butler. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Felix A. Bermudez and a daughter, Esadora V. Bermudez, both of Auburn; and two sisters, Margo R. Trevino of Auburn and Alexis A. Ross of Butler.

Memorials are to the Felicia Bermudez family, in care of Felix Bermudez.

Barbara Renfrow

SPENCERVILLE — Barbara Ellen Renfrow, 79, of Spencerville, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Ralph Kemerly

AVILLA — Ralph L. Kemerly, 89, of Avilla died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at 7:44 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kemerly had moved to the area in 1973 from Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Kemerly

He had retired in 1997 as a maintenance man for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Corp.

Mr. Kemerly served in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II in the Pacific. He was a 1937 graduate of Avilla High School.

He was devoted to his family.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1918, in Chicago to Herman and Maude (Brown) Kemerly. He married Maxine Imler on Dec. 20, 1940. She died on May 28, 1982.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Anna Kemerly of Avilla and Steve and Rita Kemerly of LaOtto; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and William Gay of Avilla; his grandchildren and their spouses, David and Georgia Kemerly Jr., Linda and Bret Ramsay, Kirk and Kim Gay, Chad and Kristy Gay, Jamie and Pam Kemerly and Crystal Sobieski; 15 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Francis Winkler of Kentucky and Martha Taggert of Wisconsin.

All services will be private.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Roger L. Kuhn, 75

ANGOLA — Roger L. Kuhn, 75, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab Center in Angola.

Mr. Kuhn worked for May Stone and Gravel in Fort Wayne and later at Inland Chemical in Fort Wayne. He then worked for Payless Supermarkets in Anderson before retiring in 1996.

He was a graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Angola and was very active in the churches he attended throughout his life, serving as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, auditor, usher and playing on church league softball and baseball teams.

He was born June 7, 1932, in Geneva to Roscoe and Helen (Bollenbacher) Kuhn. They preceded him in death.

He married Louise Stauffer on Aug. 21, 1955, in the First Mennonite Church in Berne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas S. (Susan) Kuhn of Greenwood and Gregory A. (Stephani) Kuhn of New Palestine; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet A. (Bill) Thomas of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan (Tom) Seymor of Cincinnati, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Bryan Kuhn, Michael Kuhn, Justin Kuhn, Bradley Thomas, Nathanael Thomas, Jennifer Thomas and Stephanie Dawson; and two great-grandchildren, Gavin and Grace Dawson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Merle Kuhn.

Services were held Friday at 1 p.m. in Faith Baptist Church of Angola with Dr. J. Arnold Fair officiating. Burial was held Friday at 3:30 p.m. at M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Phyllis Ann McCarty, 84

AVILLA – Phyllis Ann McCarty, age 84, passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at her home near Avilla.

Mrs. McCarty was born in Kendallville on May 5, 1923 to Kenneth Gehring and Flora (Hasselman) Gehring.

She married Virgil Eugene on February 25, 1944 at St. John,s Lutheran Church in Adrian, Michigan..

Mrs. McCarty was employed with Monsanto in Ligonier for many years and she was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She also helped her husband, Virgil, on the farm.

Her survivors include: four daughters, Shirley McKinley of Kendallville, Sally McCarty of Avilla, Luanne (Ron) Kammerer of Kendallville and Brenda and Bob Ulch of Kendallville, nine grandchildren including William McKinley of LaOtto, Eric McKinley, Jeremy McKinley, and Chad McKinley all of Kendallville, Kelly Kammerer of Zionsville, Melinda Kammerer of Indianapolis, Bryan Kammerer of Kendallville; Ryan Ulch and Olivia Ulch also of Kendallville; one great grandchild, Matthew McKinley; two brothers, Bill (Fran) Gehring and Ken (Bonnie) Gehring both of Kendallville; a sister, Evelyn Shumaker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Virgil, who died January 20, 1999; and a sister, Esther Gehring who died November 26, 2007.

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Thomas Dunbar.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Casketbearers were her grandsons.

View a video tribute (after Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Linda Lou Wilson, 67

ALBION - Linda Lou Wilson, 67, of Albion, died Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 11:20 PM at her home with her family at her side. She had been ill since Christmas 2007.

She was born Linda Lou Rosenogle on February 12, 1940 in Noble County near Ege. She was the daughter of Omar and Annabelle (Longsworth) Rosenogle. She was a lifetime area resident growing up in Whitley County near Columbia City.

On December 29, 1956, she married Vern "Pee Wee" Wilson at the Albion EUB Church. He survives in Albion. Mrs. Wilson worked for 17 years at Tokheim in Albion, and also 4 years at Diversitec in Columbia City.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prentiss Chapter, Albion Eagles, Martha's Circle at Trinity United Methodist Church where she was a member. Also an EMT for the old Noble County EMS #6, based out of Albion for 12 years. She enjoyed traveling to the South Texas and Arkansas areas, fishing, cooking, gardening, crafts, computers, and mostly spending time with her family.

Other survivors include a daughter, Arlinda (Steve) Barclay of Flippin, Arkansas; three sons and two daughter-in-laws, Terry (Kim) Wilson, Douglas (Deborah) Wilson, and Todd Wilson, all of Albion. 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren. A brother-in-law, Virgil Johanns of Kimmell.

She was preceeded in death by her parents, a sister, Starr Johanns and a brother.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Wilson were at Trinity United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Burial was at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Please make memorial contributions to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Lucille Dewey, 79

GARRETT — Lucille Dewey, 79, of Garrett and formerly of Dowagiac, Mich., died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at 12:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home of Garrett.

She worked as a school bus driver for Dowagiac Schools in Michigan for more than 30 years.

She was born Nov. 14, 1928, in Benton Center, Mich., to Fred and Grace (Gillem) Tripp.

Surviving are a daughter, Grace L. Dewey of Garrett; a son, Rory A. Dewey of Dowagiac, Mich., two grandsons, David L. Simpson of Albion and Donnie R. Simpson of Garrett; two granddaughters, Crystal M. Simpson of Auburn and Elena Dewey of Plymouth; two brothers, one sister and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Lester M. Dewey, and two brothers.

There will be no services or calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Charles Rash, 78

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Delbert Rash, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Rash owned the *Avilla News* in the early 1960s. He then founded ***Kendallville Printing***, which he sold and is now known as Modern Printing. He worked at Modern Printing until his retirement.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served during World War II.

Mr. Rash was a member of Grayston Avenue United Brethren Church in Huntington.

He was also a member of American Legion Post 86.

Mr. Rash was an avid golfer.

He was born May 22, 1929, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Robert Rash and Catherine Rash.

Surviving are four sons; Charles D. Rash Jr. of Kendallville, Channing Rash of Huntington, Robert Rash of California and Kenneth Rash of Cypress, Texas; three daughters, Carol Rash of Chicago, Eva Rash of California and Tammy Walton of Houston, Texas; a brother, Max Rash of Fallon, Nev.; a sister, Eva Nell Anderson of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Howard Anderson officiating. Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the family.

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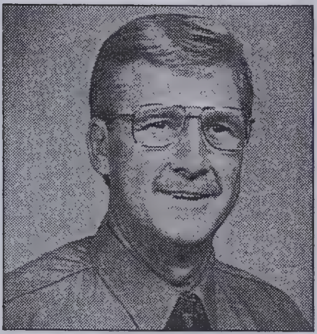

Jimmy R. Geiger, 64

Jimmy R. Geiger, former Churubusco businessman and a resident of rural Churubusco, was pronounced dead on arrival at 1:24 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, after collapsing unexpectedly at the family residence in Green Township.

Born in Green Township, Noble County, on April 19, 1943, a son of Tonny and Venus E. (Heron) Geiger, he spent his formative years on the family farm and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1961.

On Sept. 21, 1963, he was married in Churubusco to Diane Boggess, and lived all of his married life in the Churubusco community.

As a young man he was employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 23 years and was the owner and operator of Geiger AMOCO in Churubusco from 1986 until the station closed in 2004. He had been employed as a machinist at C&A Tool and Engineering in Churubusco for the past three years.

He was a member and trustee of Sugar Grove Church of God and bowled for many years with the Churubusco Men's Bowling League. In addition to his church activities and bowling, he enjoyed fishing, country gospel music and various sporting activities.

Among survivors are his wife, Diane; two daughters, Amy (Cary) Blake of Decatur and Annette Pitz of Fort Mitchell, Ky.; three sons, Brent (companion J.R. Hopkins) of New York City, Deron Geiger of Decatur and Brock Geiger of Churubusco; six brothers, Jack (Joan) Geiger of Hernando, Miss.; Billy (Wavelin) Geiger of Prescott, Ariz., C.L. "Pete" (Chris) Geiger of Marysville, Ohio; Larry (Kathy) Geiger and Roger "Hump" (Barbara) Geiger, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Richard "Louie" (Valarie) Geiger of Churubusco and nine grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn J. Fulk and five brothers, J. D. "Jake" Geiger, Duane Geiger, Glenn Geiger, Don Geiger and Gerald Geiger.

The funeral service was at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sugar Grove Church of God, with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating. Inter-ment is at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Sugar Grove Church of God Benevolent Fund.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Geiger's memory, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Betty A. Alger, 80

AUBURN — Betty A. Alger, 80, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Alger was a pharmacy technician at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1984. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. She also was a member of Women of the Moose Lodge 566 and volunteered in the Curiosity Shop at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 28, 1927, in Chicago to William P. and Pauline J. (Meyer) Egar. They preceded in her death.

She married Jerry T. Alger on Feb. 3, 1951, in Chicago. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David J. and Jayne Alger of Ligonier and Jon A. and Shawn Alger of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jerri Ann Carlson of Lafayette, Beth A. and William Walsh of Auburn and Judi A. and Shannon Burgess of Albion; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, William P. "Bill" Egar Jr. of Wayzata, Minn.; and one sister, Isabel M. Egar of Auburn.

Services were held Friday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn. Father David Carkenord will officiate.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 23, 2008, Wednesday

Ruth Troyer, 92

Ruth Naomi (Leitch) Troyer, 92, a former resident of Green township and widow of Allen R. Troyer, died at 1:55 a.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at The Oaks in Columbia City. She had been in declining health for some time and had been a resident at the nursing home for over two years.

Mrs. Troyer was born on January 13, 1916 on the family farm in Green Township near Green Center, the third of four children born to James and Ottie (Duglay) Leitch. Her older brother Dallas and sister Gladys greeted her, and later her younger sister Mary joined her.

On April 27, 1935, she married Allen Ross Troyer. After several years of marriage, the couple purchased the Leitch family farm where they spent all of their adult lives. Mr. Troyer preceded her in death on August 21, 1980.

As a young woman, Ruth was employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City. She retired in 1978 from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 36 years. She was a member of the Albion Wesleyan Church, and attended the Green Center United Methodist Church. In her leisure time, she enjoyed fishing and gardening.

Mrs. Troyer was a Queen Mother in her kitchen. Anyone who was privileged to sit around her table knew what feasting was. From the first taste of her famous sugar cookies to dandelion greens in the spring, no culinary dish was too difficult for her to make. She worked for a week before any major holiday to fill the kitchen with wonderful food which she shared with genuine Hoosier hospitality.

Surviving are two sons Harold A. (Joan) Troyer of rural LaOtto and Everett E. (Patricia) Troyer of rural Albion; one daughter Linda (Bob) Allman of Churubusco; and two sisters Gladys Strong of Berne and Mary Runyon of rural Albion.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Vicki (Barney) Dice of LaOtto, Tim (Julie) Troyer of LaOtto, Randy (Laurie) Troyer of Albion, Pam (Larry) Ellet of Albion, Sonya (Gregg) Ward of Augusta, GA, Tony (Diane) Allman of Cherry Hill, NJ, and Dennis (Joni) Allman of LaOtto. There are 18 great-grandchildren: Troy (Jennifer) Dice, Jason Dice, Tara Dice and Amanda Dice, Heather (Todd) Lortie, Marissa Troyer, Spencer Troyer, Nikolas Troyer, Kellie Troyer, Marcus Troyer, Lukus Troyer and Matthew Troyer, Ross (Sara) Ellet, Justine Ellet, Jordan Ellet, Kristen Allman, Andrew Allman and Korbin Allman. There are also three great-great-grandchildren: Dailon Dice, Simon Ellet and Bryce Ellet.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother Dallas Leitch.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Nancy Fergusson, pastor of Green Center United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Preferred memorials are to Green Center United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 24, 2008, Thursday

Barbara Renfrow

Mrs. Renfrow

SPENCERVILLE — Barbara Ellen Renfrow, 79, of Spencerville died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne

She was born June 7, 1928, in Grover Hill, Ohio, to George Felix and Minnie Verbima (Boulenbaugh) Goings. They preceded her in death.

She married Odell Renfrow on Dec. 7, 1946, in Fort Wayne. He died Sept. 23, 1997.

Surviving are five sons, Lynn Renfrow of Auburn, Loyed Renfrow of Fort Wayne, Allen Renfrow of Harlan, David Renfrow of New Haven and Terry Renfrow of Auburn; seven daughters, Sandra Renfrow, Jannie Renfrow and Julie Shaffer, all of Spencerville, Kathy Maldeney and Margaret Amstutz, both of Auburn, Janice Strachan of Waterloo and Minnie Dady of Butler; 24 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dennis D. Goings of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Sylvia Cearbaugh of Orland.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Herschel and Lloyd Goings.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society (Paulding County, Ohio), 111 E. Ludwig, Suite 105, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Edward Tipton

Mr. Tipton

CHURUBUSCO — Edward D. Tipton, 77, of Churubusco died at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at his home. He had been in declining health since November.

He was employed as a crane operator at Slater Steel in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring from there in 1992.

Mr. Tipton was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne.

He spent his formative years in Albion and graduated from Albion High School. He served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Tipton was known as a kind person. He was a fan of Chicago Cubs baseball and Indiana University basketball. He also loved following his grandchildren's sports activities.

He was born in Albion on May 29, 1930, to Edward C. and Ogden (Morr) Tipton. He married Kathleen Miller on June 12, 1954, in New York City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Daniel Poyser of Churubusco; a son, William D. Tipton of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Gwen Tipton of Kendallville; a sister, Lois Jean Kelly of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Brent Poyser, Lane Poyser, Ryne Poyser and Justin Tipton; a great-granddaughter, McKenna Poyser; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County with military rites by Whitley County Korean War veterans.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. A rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Masses or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 353 N. Oak St., Columbia City, IN 46725

To leave a condolence, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Viola Blair

LAGRANGE — Viola L. Blair, 82, of LaGrange died at 12:20 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 24, 2008, Thursday

June Newman

KENDALLVILLE — June Ilene Newman, 82, died at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at her home in rural Kendallville surrounded by her family. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Newman

Mrs. Newman was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in the area.

She was a 1943 graduate of Avilla High School.

During World War II she worked in the office of Boswers Inc. in Fort Wayne and was an Avon representative for seven years.

Mrs. Newman was a lifetime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla where she held many positions, including secretary of the Ladies Aide.

She was the leader of the Pet and Hobby Club of Noble County. She had been a member of the board of directors of the Noble County Farm Bureau and had served as its secretary. For many years she served on the Allen Township 4-H Club Committee and 4-H Exhibit Corp. of Noble County.

Mrs. Newman and her family raised, showed and enjoyed Arabian and Quarter horses.

She was born June 13, 1925, in West Liberty, Ohio, to Ralph L. and Anna Marie (Lauer) Keller. She married Max E. Newman on June 30, 1945, in Los Angeles, Calif. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Vickie L. Tuffley of Kendallville, Judy and Michael Huesner of Waynedale and Melissa Henry of Louisiana; a son and daughter-in-law, Max E. and Mimi Newman of rural Avilla; her grandchildren, Chad Burton, Brett and Jenny Frick of Albion and Dr. Erin Frick of Ohio; two stepgrandchildren, Sorell and Kegan Harkenrider; and a sister, Betty Egolf.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Marcille Hess; a son-in-law, Wendel C. Henry, three grandchildren, Loren Renee Henry, Bryant Wendel Newman Henry and Tiffany Lynn Burton; and a great-granddaughter, Kaylee Ilene Elizabeth Henry.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers will be Brett Frick, Tim Hess, Mike Huesner, Bill Rae, Kegan Harkenrider and Jerry Goldsmith. Honorary pallbearers will be Ira Growcock and Alton Egolf.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions are to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund or to the Cancer Society.

To sign an online register or to send online condolences, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Eleanor Goudy

LOS ALTOS, Calif. — Eleanor June McGahen Goudy, 88, died peacefully in her sleep Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, in her home in Los Altos.

Mrs. Goudy moved to Los Altos nine years ago from Marshall, Mich.

She was born June 29, 1919, in Kendallville to Archie Clyde and Ethyl Phoebe (Fritz) McGahen. She married Samuel O. Goudy and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister, Delores Temple of Kendallville, two sons and daughters-in-law, Joyce and Samuel O. Goudy Jr. of Boise, Idaho, and Dory and Thomas Lee Goudy of Battle Creek, Mich.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jacqueline Jean and Edward Brown of Los Altos, Calif.; and Mary Adele Johnson of Gibsonton, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and about 50 nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Richard Johnson.

Services were private. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos.

Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary in Mountain View, Calif., was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Treatment & Research Center, 640 Jackson St., Saint Paul, MN 55101.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 24 2008, Thursday

Myrtle Pehlke

FORT WAYNE — Myrtle C. Pehlke, 93, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Ligonier died Friday, Jan. 18, 2007, at Covington Manor Health & Rehab Center.

Mrs. Pehlke was a homemaker.

She was a native of Chicago and had lived in Ligonier from 1948 until 1970 when she moved to Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two sons, Tom Pehlke and Kenneth Pehlke, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a step-great-grandchild; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Clara Kaichuck; her husband, Fred, in 1965; two sisters, her twin Mildred and Harriet; and a brother, Harold.

Services were Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial was be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorial are to the Allen County S.P.C.A., 4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne, IN.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 25, 2008, Friday

Joseph Beck

ANGOLA — Joseph Kellman Beck, 73, of Angola, formerly of Punta Gorda, Fla., died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Beck was a branch manager for Allen Dairy, retiring in 1989 after 39 years with the company. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge, and the Punta Gorda American Legion.

He was born May 25, 1934, in Angola to Marcus and Alice (Rinehart) Beck. Both preceded him in death. He married Janet Hufnagle on Aug. 27, 1955. She survives i Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Mark Beck of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Randy Eyster of Angola; four grandchildren, Aurora Eyster of Angola, Benjamin Beck of West Lafayette, Kandace Beck of Fort Wayne and Kassandra Beck of Angola; and a great-grandson, Preston Beck of Angola.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Beck; and a sister, Joan Porter.

A celebration of life service will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Angola Moose Lodge. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health and Northern Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Helen Wunderlin

Wunderlin

AUBURN — Helen (Thomas) Wunderlin, 89, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Wunderlin was born Nov. 3, 1918, in rural DeKalb County. She graduated from Butler High School in 1936. She worked as a machine operator at Rieke Corp. for 24 years, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, Women of the Moose Chapter 261, Eagles Auxiliary 1357 and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Surviving are a son, James L. Thomas of Columbus, Ohio; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patty and Ralph Aalders of Auburn, Nancy L. Deardorf of Auburn and Jerilyn and Robert Farver of Ashley; six stepdaughters and their husbands, Patricia and Jim Stillwell, Barbara and Richard Snider, Jean Mackin and Robert and Mary Brown, all of Fort Wayne, Dodie and Mike Harper of Thornton, Colo., and Rose and Byron Schutt of Auburn; a brother, Frank Walter of Hamilton; a sister, Ruth Smith of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; 23 stepgrandchildren; and 28 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grover E. and Olive Edna Farver Walter; her first husband, Wayne D. Thomas, in January 2007; her second husband, Donald E. Wunderlin, in 1985; a stepson, Donald Wunderlin Jr.; a stepdaughter, Carol Hill; three brothers, Howard, Ford and Marion Walter; a granddaughter, Mary Ann Aalders; and a stepgranddaughter, Michelle Sheetz.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Viola Blair

LAGRANGE — Viola L. Blair, 82, of LaGrange died at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Following her retirement, she served as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels in LaGrange and delivered to Country Place Apartments for 12 years.

She will be remembered as a good neighbor.

She formerly attended the Apostolic Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in LaGrange.

She was born Oct. 4, 1925, in Elkhart to Chester and Alice (Carr) Johnson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Robert Yenna of Apostolic Lighthouse Tabernacle officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Garden in Osceola.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 25, 2008, Friday

Max Alexander

KENDALLVILLE — Max C. Alexander, 81, of Kendallville died on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, at his residence.

Alexander

Mr. Alexander was a superintendent at Newnam Foundry and retired in 1988 after 37 years of service.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and was a past member of the Moose Lodge 1301 and the Elks Lodge 1194, both in Kendallville.

Mr. Alexander was a member of the Free & Accepted Masonic Lodge 276 of Kendallville and the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Alexander was born in Warsaw on Oct. 10, 1926, to Robert Lawrence and Treva (Nine) Alexander. He married Mary Ellen Gage on June 28, 1947, in LaGrange. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Paul Richards of Kendallville, Robin and Peter Schultz of Shanghai, China, and Wendy and Jeff Martin of Columbia City; five grandchildren and their spouses, Tracey Fleckenstein of Angola, Peter and Nicki Schultz, Emily Schultz and Tyler and Melissa Martin, all of Fort Wayne and Adam Martin of Lebanon; five great-grandchildren; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Lois Alexander of Kendallville, Lloyd and Connie Alexander of Advent, Texas, and Jerry and Carol Alexander of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James Alexander and Robert Alexander Jr.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute after Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Philip Whitaker

PIQUA, Ohio — Philip Ray Whitaker, 61, of Piqua, Ohio, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at this home.

He was born to Ellis and Nora Whitaker. They proceeded him in death.

He is survived by two brothers and a sister-in-law, Paul and Phyllis Whittaker of Pleasant Lake, and Glen Whitaker of Fremont.

Services will be held Sunday at the Baird Funeral Home in Troy, Ohio.

Helen Swick

LAGRANGE — Helen E. Swick, 81, of LaGrange died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Swick was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 19, 1926, in Jackson, Mich., to Arthur and Audrey (Turner) Gordon. Her husband, Eldon Swick, preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Betty and Lyle Eldridge of Colon, Mich., and Tonya H. Swick of New Hampshire and formerly of LaGrange.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be in Michigan at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Marie Ireland

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, Ark. — Marie Ireland, 87, formerly of Auburn, died peacefully in her home Wednesday morning, Jan. 23, 2008.

She was born Feb. 11, 1920, in Fontainebleau, France, to Emma and Victor Wolff. She came to the United States in 1951.

In 1952, she married Humber R. Ireland of Toledo, Ohio. Together they raised their family living in Ohio and eventually retired to Wellston, Mich.

After the death of her husband in 1990, Mrs. Ireland moved to Auburn to be closer to her children. She attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

In 2003, she moved to Hot Springs Village, Ark., where she lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Terry Pyle. While in Arkansas, she attended Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Hot Springs Village.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Thomas Ireland, Christine Ireland, Michele and Terry Pyle, Anne and Robert Lindley and Mary Ellen and John Schimmoller; her grandchildren and a spouse, Vanessa and Scott Lenhardt, Amber Mahaffey, Justin Ireland, Dylan Mahaffey, Patrick Boehmer, Sean Boehmer and Ethan Schimmoller; and two great-grandchildren, Jacqueline and Yvette.

A wake service will be Monday at 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 295 Balearic Road, Hot Springs Village, Ark.

A funeral mass will be at the church Tuesday at 9 a.m. Burial will be in Auburn.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 26, 2008, Saturday

Rita Kelley

GARRETT — Rita K. (Bir) Kelley, 85, of Garrett died at 8:05 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Kelley

Mrs. Kelley was a 1940 graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School and the St. Joseph School of Nursing in 1943. She retired as a registered nurse from Marion General Hospital and worked at the Veterans Administration for five years before serving in the Army Nurse Corps in World War II.

She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church where she served in the Rosary Society, Daughters of Isabella and was in charge of funeral dinners.

She volunteered at St. Martin DePores and was a member of the Catholic Nurses Association.

She was born Oct. 24, 1922, to Herman and Oliva (Stein) Bir in Lima, Ohio.

She married James F. Kelley on Feb. 7, 1948. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 2004.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Janet Marie and Ian Martin of Fulshear, Texas, Mary Frances and John Rostorfer of Garrett, and Marie Teresa Keller and Kathryn Mary Kelley, both of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, James J. and Patricia Kelley of Griffith and Thomas M. and Kathryn Kelley of Salisbury, N.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas A. and Barbara Bir of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Agnes and Joseph McAfee of Bryan, Ohio, and Cecilia and John Collins of Marion; 11 grandchildren, Gillian Adamson, Elizabeth Martin, Michael Kelley, Shannon and Kelli Rostorfer, Jessica Best, Marc Keller, Melissa Keller, Erin and Quinn Kelley and Kristine Kelley; three great-grandchildren, Takyus and Reign Best and Logan Adamson; and two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Bir of Tuscon, Ariz., and Maryanna Bir of New Castle.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Herman, Richard and Edward Bir, and two grandsons, Benjamin and Sam Kelley.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 Kem Road, Marion, with the Rev. Richard Weisenberger officiating. Burial will be at Estates of Serenity, Marion.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with a vigil service at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to St. Martin DePores.

Condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.

Katherine Brooks

AURORA — Katherine "Kate" Harris Brooks, 83, of Aurora, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Lawrenceburg.

Mrs. Brooks worked as a secretary at Manchester School, retiring after more than 14 years of service. She was a member of the Eastern Star Dillsboro Branch and a former member of Phi Beta Psi Sorority. She was one of the oldest members of the First Baptist Church of Aurora. She graduated from Aurora High School in 1943.

She was born Nov. 26, 1924, in Auburn to Carl L. and Bethel Harris. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Keith Brooks and Timothy Joe Brooks, both of Aurora; five grandsons, Michael, Jason, David, Thomas and Patrick; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Joseph C. "Joe" Brooks, and a sister, Jean Howard.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Aurora, 6060 Blair Road, with Pastor Steve Allen and Pastor Don Buck officiating. Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery at Aurora.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or First Baptist Church.

Rullman Hunger Denney Funeral Home of Aurora (www.rullmans.com) is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 26, 2008, Saturday

Goldie Worden

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Goldie E. Worden, 93, of Montgomery, Mich., died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, at Country Meadows Assisted Living in Montgomery.

Mrs. Worden

Mrs. Worden was a longtime member of California United Presbyterian Church, California Township, Branch County, Mich., and also was treasurer of the church missionary society.

She was a very kind person and enjoyed raising her animals, cats, dogs, pigs and cows. She enjoyed flowers and gardening, and was a member of the California Garden Club.

She was also a member of the Pythian Sisters in Fremont, and formerly worked as a clerk at the Holiday House Motel in Fremont. She also worked in the Detroit, Mich., area before World War II.

She was born July 30, 1914, in Rolla, Mo.

She married William Robert Worden, who preceded her in death Dec. 17, 1973.

She is survived by cousins and neighbors.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Miller officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. until the service Tuesday.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Richard Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Trowbridge, 60, of Kendallville died Friday mornng at the V.A. Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Barbara Longbrake

SPENCERVILLE — Barbara Ellen Longbrake, 82, of Spencerville, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, at Parkview North Hospice in Fort Wayne.

She worked on sub assembly for Bomar Inc. from 1969 to 1990 and was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women's Group.

She moved to Spencerville when she was 6 years old and had lived there ever since. She graduated from Spencerville High School in 1943. She enjoyed spending time with her pet dog, Katie.

She was born Oct. 8, 1925, in Auburn to the late Arthur and Mary K. (Weidner) Longbrake.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Shirley Markle of Fort Wayne; a brother-in-law, Glenn Moore of Butler; nieces and nephews and their spouses, Cheri and Dan Bushee of Spencerville, Debra and Gene Rose of Dayton, Ohio, Steve and Deb Howey of Garrett, Patti and Jim Johnston of Auburn, Don Moore of Waynedale, Bob and Diane Moore of Georgia, Deloris and Levy Davis of Bowling Green, Ky., Cheryl and Dennis Zeisloft of Butler, Matt Markle of Fort Wayne, Melanie and Danny Barkley of Fort Wayne and Mark and Misty Markle of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Howey and Jean Moore, and a brother, Henry "Sonny" Markle.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 26, 2008, Saturday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with revised information about relatives.*

Helen Wunderlin

Mrs. Wunderlin

AUBURN — Helen (Thomas) Wunderlin, 89, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Wunderlin was born Nov. 3, 1918, in rural DeKalb County. She graduated from Butler High School in 1936. She worked as a machine operator at Rieke Corp. for 24 years, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, Women of the Moose Chapter 261, Eagles Auxiliary 1357 and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Surviving are a son, James L. Thomas of Columbus, Ohio; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patty and Ralph Aalders of Auburn, Nancy L. Deardorf of Auburn and Jerilyn and Robert Farver of Ashley; six stepdaughters and their husbands, Patricia and Jim Stillwell, Barbara and Richard Schneider, Jean Mackin and Robert and Mary Brown, all of Fort Wayne, Dodie and Mike Harper of Thornton, Colo., and RoseAnn and Byron Schutt of Auburn; a brother, Frank Walter of Hamilton; a sister, Ruth Smith of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; 23 stepgrandchildren; and 28 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grover E. and Olive Edna Farver Walter; her first husband, Wayne D. Thomas, in January 2007; her second husband, Donald E. Wunderlin, in 1985; a stepson, Donald Wunderlin Jr.; a stepdaughter, Carol Hill; three brothers, Howard, Ford and Marion Walter; a granddaughter, Mary Ann Rynearson; and a stepgranddaughter, Michelle Sheetz.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Ilah Notestine

Mrs. Notestine

MONGO — Ilah B. "Nanny" Notestine, 80, of Mongo died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Living her lifetime in Steuben and LaGrange counties, she was a homemaker and a school bus driver for Mongo High School.

Mrs. Notestine was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church, Mongo Methodist Women, an assistant lay leader, the minister of music, and was the church historian.

She was a member of Mongo Lions Club and was the 2007 Honorary Mayor of Mongo.

She was born Dec. 10, 1927, in Salem Center in Steuben County to Logan and Cinnie (Tritch) Parker. They preceded her in death.

She married Hildon W. Notestine in Mongo on Aug. 19, 1951. He preceded her in death July 7, 1997.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria Jean and Larry Preston of LaGrange and Heidi and Mark Blackburn of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Ike and Pam Notestine of Mongo; 10 grandchildren, Denver Preston of Angola, Penny Hendrix of San Diego, Calif., Davey, Dane, Brooke and Britt Blackburn, all of Angola, Caitlin and Samantha Ross and Jessica and Rebecca Notestine, all of Mongo; four great-grandchildren, Olivia and Lucas Preston of Angola and Amanda and Michaela Hendrix of San Diego; and a sister, Mary Lepley of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas John Notestine, in October 1966, and two brothers and five sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Mongo United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Springfield Township Cemetery, Mongo.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Mongo United Methodist Church or the Mongo Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may sent to the family at www.fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Baseball, hard work and family

Al Grogg's grocery, gas station defined all-American business

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In this photo taken three years ago, Ruth and Al Grogg celebrate their 80th birthdays, which were only a month apart. Mr. Grogg was a well-respected and longtime Auburn businessman. He died Dec. 3 of at the age of 83.

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AUBURN — In the past — before gas stations became the sleek automated, cold and impersonal pumping stations they are now — there were places like Grogg's Standard Station and Grocery in Auburn.

It was a neighborhood gathering place where clerks not only pumped the gas and checked the oil, but an auto mechanic and garage were located on-site and customers could shop for groceries, produce, meat and select goodies from a well-stocked candy counter.

It seemed everyone in Auburn knew owner Alva — or "Al" or "Alvie" — Grogg.

Al Grogg knew everyone, knew their financial situations, knew their children and their grandchildren. Many times he stepped in and guided and mentored them as if they were his own.

Al owned the station for 37 years, much of that time with his brother, Ed Grogg.

An accomplished baseball player and coach, a wise, generous and compassionate businessman, a dedicated father and husband and hard worker — Al Grogg was all that and more.

When he died Dec. 3, 2007, at the age of 83, members of his family were amazed at the number of people who came forward to testify to Al's character. Many shared how Al had given them credit, groceries and gas when they had no money.

A strong work ethic was instilled in Al and siblings Ruth, Ed, Edgar and Bessie by their parents, Alva F. and Ada (Smurr) Grogg. As a teen, Al worked at an Auburn drug store. He toyed with the idea of becoming a pharmacist and following in the footsteps of his older twin brothers, Ed and Edgar, who were chemists and worked in the oil industry. Although he never became a pharmacist, he served as a pharmacist's mate in Guam during World War II when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

His passion and ability for baseball started at a very young age when he was recruited to pitch on a DeKalb County team against older teammates — some of them adults — with the team often winning due to Al's talent for striking out batters.

Al later played baseball for his Navy fleet team, oftentimes with pros. He was so good that the Navy delayed his discharge so the team could beat some additional rivals.

Because he never had been a smoker or one to spend his money frivolously, Al saved a portion of his military pay and used it to start his own business — the first Grogg's Grocery and Station at S.R. 8 and C.R. 35 — the same year he returned to the States and married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Mitchner, in 1947.

It wasn't long until he had saved enough money to purchase some land and build a new Groggs Grocery and Station further to the west on Seventh Street in Auburn. The couple lived above the station in an apartment with their first three children until 1959, when they bought a farm on C.R. 40.

All of the Grogg children grew up working at the store and said there was never a question of "if" they would attend college — just a question of where, according to daughter Tara Agosti. All four graduated from college debt-free, largely because of their father's planning and saving, she said.

"When working in the store, dad taught us not to judge a customer by an outward appearance," Agosti said.

"He did not hesitate to extend credit, numerous times not seeing the debt paid off."

"He always trusted people," Ruth Grogg said. "When he sold the station, there were still a lot of people 'on the books,' but he just let it go."

"It was a ma-and-pa kind of place, very cozy," said Barb Metz, who worked for Al as a cashier.

"He was straightforward — you always knew where you stood with him," Metz said. "He was down-to-earth and funny. He called me 'Bullet Barb' because he said I moved so fast."

Al didn't care for people who put on airs. "'Ten-cent millionaires,' he called them," son Ted Grogg said. "He often said they weren't fooling anyone but themselves."

For many years, he gave groceries to his church for various social events, but only on the condition that his gifts remain anonymous.

Harvey Penland, who eventually bought Grogg's business, said he and Al had an ongoing 20-year joke.

"He would always ask to borrow money when he saw me," Penland said, laughing. "And I would always say, 'I'll give you the money if you give me the map of where all your money is buried.'"

When he opened his business in 1947, Al purchased a used Plymouth pickup truck, which he continued to drive until he sold the business in 1984. The family still owns the truck.

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Even though Al closed only three days of the year — Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas — and worked every day but two Sundays a month — he always found time to take his four children, Tim, Ted, Tara and Tami, to the park and play ball. He coached Little League baseball in Auburn — winning 12 consecutive championships — and after he finished coaching, served on the Auburn youth baseball board. He was inducted into the Northeast Indiana Little League Baseball Hall of Fame. He also sponsored youth basketball in Auburn.

"Although his memories include the times the kids won, what he really enjoyed was watching the kids develop their skills and abilities," Agosti remembers. "He often defended and helped kids whose parents wouldn't spend any time with them."

Neighborhood children often hung around the store to take advantage of Al's love of candy and his generosity and propensity to hand out sweets as a token of friendship.

Al Grogg taught his family to love and respect others, but in particular, their mother.

"There was never any doubt of his priorities and love for our Mom," Agosti said. "Respect and obedience for her was a mandate. Mom was his lifelong partner."

Richard Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Lynn Trowbridge, 60, of Kendallville, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, at the Richard L. Roudebush V.A. Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Trowbridge worked at No-Sag and Quick Lube, both in Kendallville. He served in the U.S. Navy and served his country for eight years during the Vietnam Era.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1966. He was an avid reader. He loved his dog, Ty, and riding his Silver Wing motorcycle.

He was born in Kendallville on Jan. 18, 1948, to Cecil George Trowbridge Jr. and Carolyn Jean (Wolf) Trowbridge.

He is survived by a son, Jeremy Trowbridge; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Pam and Steve Munger of Garrett, LuAnn Rathke of Albion and Cathy and Wally Brellenthin of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Brenda Trowbridge of the state of Washington; an aunt and her husband, Mary Lou and Don Smart of Kendallville; an uncle and his wife, Tom and Vonetta Trowbridge of Churubusco; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents and his sister, Cindy Weber, who died in 2007.

Services will be Monday at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Bob Shriner officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at the Web site www.hitefuneralhome.com

Charles Draper

GARRETT — Charles G. Draper, 80, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

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James Halsey

CROMWELL — James H. Halsey, 82, of Cromwell and formerly of Syracuse, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Syracuse.

He worked for Ole-Mar Cartage in Cromwell as a mechanic and shop foreman until his retirement in 1980. He was an Army veteran of World War II as a Technician Fifth Grade Battery, in the 466th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion and the 17th Airborne Division. He was awarded many decorations and medals during his tenure.

Mr. Halsey was a member of the Cromwell post of the American Legion, where he served as commander for several years and always took part in their Memorial Day services. He enjoyed hunting wild game in Colorado and mushroom hunting in Indiana.

He was born July 25, 1925, in Rome City to Curtis and Grace (Carter) Halsey.

He married Lorine Scott on May 4, 1946, in Indianapolis. They were married for 59 years before she died Oct. 25, 2004.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Linda and Bill Bonham of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jane Senn of Oakhurst, Calif., Rebecca and Scott Hire of Syracuse, Debra and John Quackenbush of Lansing, Mich., and Cathy and Alvin High of Baden, Pa.; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a foster son, Pete Taylor of Kentucky; a sister, Nancy Tkatch; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Everett and Rosemary Halsey and Roger and Joanne Halsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Donald, Kenneth, Ezra and Sterling Halsey; a sister, Wilma Archer; and a foster son, Tom Taylor.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at J. A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Benny Archer officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, with James' grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Calling will be one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Indiana or a charity of the donor's choice.

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State trooper dies in crash

PERU — An Indiana State Police trooper died Sunday night in a single-vehicle crash.

Twenty-five-year-old Daniel Barrett of Logansport was on duty at the time, according to NewsChannel 15. He was driving on U.S. 31 in Fulton County when his squad car left the road and hit a tree. Medics pronounced him dead at the scene.

The crash is under investigation.

Barrett graduated from the police academy in July 2007. He is the 43rd Indiana State Police officer to die in the line of duty.

ATV rider dies

COLUMBIA CITY — A Whitley County man died at an area hospital after being found beneath an all-terrain vehicle early Sunday.

Chad J. McGuire, 37, wa found beneath the vehicle near his residence on C.R. 550E at approximately 2 a.m. He was transported to Parkview Whitley Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The incident is being investigated by Indiana conservation officers.

Martha Mansfield

KENDALLVILLE — Martha E. Mansfield, 95, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mansfield was a homemaker and had worked on the family farm. She also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier and then in Topeka for 13 years.

In her free time she loved to quilt and put puzzles together.

She was born on June 1, 1912, in Wolf Lake to Hugh W. and Bessie L. (Grubb) Hickman. She married Lawrence M. Mansfield on Sept. 17, 1929, in Albion. He died Oct. 11, 1973.

Surviving are a son and his companion, Steve Mansfield of Avilla and Becky Christensen of Garrett; a daughter and her companion, Lucy Marie Mansfield and John Mertz, both of Corunna; five grandchildren, Dale Potts, Robert Potts, Melissa Mertz, David Mertz and Jennifer Mertz; four great-grandchildren, Natosha Potts, Kylee Potts, Chad Potts and Zachary Potts; and a brother and sister-in-law, Hugh "Mutt" and Thelma Hickman of Albion.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Paul E. Potts; two brothers, Jim Hickman and Arthur Hickman; and a sister, Mae Bailey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

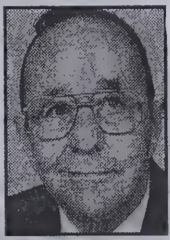
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Charles Draper

GARRETT — Charles G. "Chuck" Draper, 80, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at 8 a.m. at his home.



Mr. Draper

Mr. Draper worked in the maintenance department for the Fort Wayne City Utilities Department for 32 years, retiring in 1989. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

He was born May 3, 1927, in Fort Wayne to John P. and Emma E. (Stroub) Draper.

On June 26, 1948, in Fort Wayne, he married Barbara J. Petterson. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda S. Stahl of Fort Wayne, Michelle M. and Jerry Shroads of Garrett and Janet and Phil Henschen of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth L. and Karin Draper of Scottsville, Ky., and John A. and Mary Draper of Avilla; two sisters, Maxine Shaw of Fort Wayne and Marie Robert of Anderson; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bud Brecht, Raymond Draper, Carl Draper and William Draper.

Services will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Military honors will follow the service at 6 p.m.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. in the funeral home, with Masonic rites at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Auburn Masonic Lodge.

To send condolences or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Cleo McKean

KENDALLVILLE — Cleo A. McKean, 99, of Kendallville died at 1:36 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had been a resident for four years.

Mrs. McKean

Mrs. McKean was a homemaker.

She had been an active member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville since 1922 and a member of the Lydia Circle. She was also active with the McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She was born March 18, 1908, in Kendallville to Orvil and Corrine (Thomas) Rothermel. She married Alfred McKean in Kendallville on Dec. 23, 1928. He died Feb. 21, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Kenneth Freiburger of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Gilbert and Marilyn McKean of Anderson; three granddaughters, Monique Zawadzke of Kendallville, Dawn and Pat Butler of Anderson and Sheila and Bret Laudig of Pendleton; two grandsons, Jeffrey McKean of Richardson, Texas, and Bradley and Lilia McKean of Carl Junction, Mo.; four great-granddaughters, Madeline Laudig, Adrianne Laudig, Rachel Butler and Michelle McKean; four great-grandsons, Patrick McKean, Jacob Butler, Joel Butler and Aaron Butler; and two sisters, Katherine Munk and Jean Fox, both of Kendallville.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Neil McKean; a granddaughter, Valerie McKean; a brother, Warren Schmuck; and six sisters, Irene Cain, Thelma Grossman, Beulah Lash, Marjorie Springer, Alberta Jackson and Margaret Shippy.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

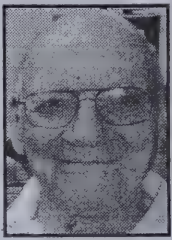
Calling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill, Trinity Church United Methodist or Common Grace.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Roger Kimpel

EDGERTON, Ohio — Roger W. Kimpel, 93, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Montpelier, Ohio, where he was a patient.


Mr. Kimpel

A lifelong resident of Edgerton, Mr. Kimpel was a lifelong farmer and retired from Challenge Cook Brothers. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton and was a former advisor of the Edgerton Blue Ribbon Dairy 4-H Club.

He was born July 14, 1914, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Frederick J. and Zila B. (Thompson) Kimpel.

He married Dorothy C. Stark on July 3, 1940, in Edgerton, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Becky Kimpel of Edgerton, Duane and Sandie Kimpel of Montpelier, Ohio, and Neal and Sherri Kimpel of Edgerton; six daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and William Bauer of Mableton, Ga., JoAnn and Steve Skiles of West Unity, Ohio, Laura and Gerald "Buck" Suntken of Butler, Mary Jane and John Heisler of Montpelier, Ohio, Melinda and Steve St. John of Bryan, Ohio, and Sherry and David Nofziger of Edmond, Okla.; one daughter-in-law and her husband, Karen and Brad Karris of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eugene; a daughter, Donna; an infant son, Carlton; an infant daughter, Elizabeth Ann; seven sisters; and one brother.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, with recitation of the rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mary's elevator fund or to the Edgerton Senior Center.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Evelo Schelling

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Evelo Schelling, 89, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Saturday afternoon, Jan. 26, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following complications from surgery earlier in the week.

A homemaker, she formerly had been employed at Smith Hotel and Montpelier Laundry. She was a 1937 graduate of Bryan High School.

She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, a member and past president of the United Methodist Women and a member of the church's Rachel Circle. She had been active in Pleasant Hill, Bridgewater and Pomona granges. She was a member and past most excellent chief of the Pythian Sisters Lodge and was active for many years in the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a 50-year member of Montpelier Chapter 270 Women of the Moose. She participated each year in the Veterans Day program at the Williams County Fair.

She was born Dec. 8, 1918, at Williams Center near Bryan, Ohio, to Fern Wines and Edgar B. Rath.

On Dec. 15, 1939, she married Robert L. Schelling in Bryan. They had two sons and a daughter. Mr. Schelling died March 22, 1965, in a tractor-trailer accident near Marshall, Mich.

On June 23, 1973, she married Fred Schelling in Montpelier. He died in 1974.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jearld Schelling of West Unity, Ohio, and Charles and Joyce Schelling of Pioneer, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Paul Soule of Butler; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Junior and Jane Rath of Montpelier, Jim and Chris Rath of Hicksville, Ohio, and Walter Rath of North Carolina; and two stepsons and their wives, Walter and Marilyn Schelling of Montpelier and John and Marilyn Schelling of Edgerton, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, John Rath, and a great-granddaughter, Sunnie Dee Antrup.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home of Montpelier. The Rev. Bruce Tumblin will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Montpelier.

Caling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with a Women of the Moose memorial service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

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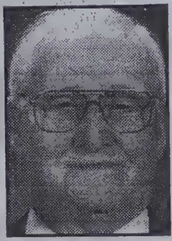
Floyd Yoder

GOSHEN — Floyd J. Yoder, 85, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury died at 3:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at his home.


Mr. Yoder

Mr. Yoder had been a poultry farmer and school bus driver for the Middlebury school system.

He was an active member of First Mennonite Church in Middlebury where he served as church chorister for many years. He was a charter member of the Gospel Messenger Singers.

Mr. Yoder served as York Township trustee and on the advisory board. He was an avid supporter of the Red Cross blood drive program.

During World War II he served as a medic in the U.S. Army.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and teaching them to play golf.

He was born Jan. 31, 1922, in LaGrange County to Tobias and Katie (Stutzman) Yoder. He married Janice L. Mishler on Jan. 5, 1946, in Shipshewana. She died Dec. 22, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Chris Miller of Bristol, Vicki and Mark Smucker of Granger and Sally and Douglas Smoker of Goshen; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Martha Yoder of Elkhart.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Viola Yoder; and a brother, Kenneth Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Revs. Linford Martin, Sam Troyer and Pamela Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Faith Mission of Elkhart.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Bette Stringfellow

MIDDLEBURY — Bette A. Stringfellow, 70, of Middlebury died at 10:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at her home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Stringfellow had lived in the Fort Wayne area most of her life.

She had been a secretary and taught astrology at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 7, 1938, in Noble County to Lester Mike and Alma (Dukes) Faulkner. She married Thomas H. Stringfellow on Sept. 7, 1957, in Noble County. He died Sept. 28, 2005.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kerry and Laura Stringfellow of Middlebury and Thomas and Sonia Stringfellow of Elkhart; and four grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Roy Faulkner.

There will be no services.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlbury is in charge of arrangements.

Martha Mansfield

KENDALLVILLE — Martha E. Mansfield, 95, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mansfield

Mrs. Mansfield was a homemaker and had worked on the family farm. She also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier and then in Topeka for 13 years.

In her free time she loved to quilt and put puzzles together.

She was born on June 1, 1912, in Wolf Lake to Hugh W. and Bessie L. (Grubb) Hickman. She married Lawrence M. Mansfield on Sept. 17, 1929, in Albion. He died Oct. 11, 1973.

Surviving are a son and his companion, Steve Mansfield of Avilla and Becky Christensen of Garrett; a daughter and her companion, Lucy Marie Mansfield and John Mertz, both of Corunna; five grandchildren, Dale Potts, Robert Potts, Melissa Mertz, David Mertz and Jennifer Mertz; four great-grandchildren, Natosha Potts, Kylee Potts, Chad Potts and Zachary Potts; and a brother and sister-in-law, Hugh "Mutt" and Thelma Hickman of Albion.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Paul E. Potts; two brothers, Jim Hickman and Arthur Hickman; and a sister, Mae Bailey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Robert Wagner

ANGOLA — Robert F. Wagner, 89, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Wagner was a switchman for General Telephone, retiring June 12, 1997, after 55 years. He served in the U.S.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, the Angola American Legion Post. No. 31, and C.W.A., where he had served as president. He enjoyed farming, baseball, antique tractors and being with his grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 4, 1918, in DeKalb County to John and Mae (Miller) Wagner. Both preceded him in death. He married Charlene Milleman on May 16, 1964. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by three sons and a daughter-in-law, Nick Wagner of Auburn, Jim Wagner of Fort Wayne, and John and Renee Wagner of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Rocky Delaney of Angola; six grandchildren, Amy Morton, Karrie Fisher, David Delaney, Rae Harrel, and Sara and Samantha Wagner; and five great-grandchildren, Carson and Parker Morton, Dalton and Anna Wagner, and Zoanne Harrel.

He was also preceded in death by a son, William Wagner; a grandson, Joshua Wagner; a daughter-in-law, Karla Wagner; a sister, Eunice VanPelt; and two brothers, Lenice Wagner and his twin, Norbert Peter Wagner.

Services will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with the Rev. Philip Schreider officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, with graveside military services by the Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with a prayer service at 7:30.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Society of America, or the donor's choice.

Chad McGuire

COLLINS — Chad J. McGuire, 37, a resident of rural Columbia City near Collins, died at 3:24 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, from injuries sustained in an ATV accident at his residence.

Mr. McGuire

Mr. McGuire had been employed as a supervisor at Symmetry Ultrexx in Avilla since 2001, and was also engaged in farming in Smith Township.

A native of Columbia City, he spent his formative years in Kaleva, Mich., and graduated from Brethren High School in 1988.

He returned to this area in 2000.

In his leisure time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming and all sports, particularly hockey.

Mr. McGuire was born on Feb. 8, 1970, in Columbia City to Jerry and Sue (Dirr) McGuire. He married Jennifer "Jennie" Dull in Columbia City on Aug. 7, 2004. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Courtney Cooper of Indianapolis and Amanda Cooper of Chicago; his father and stepmother, Jerry and Judy McGuire of Churubusco; his mother and stepfather, Sue and William Sandell of Grand Rapids, Mich; his in-laws, Rick and Jo Dull of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Shayne and Christin Sandell of Lansing, Mich.; two stepbrothers and their wives, Stacy and Krista Holzinger of Churubusco and Walter and Trish Gratz of Huntertown; two stepsisters and a spouse, Pam and Chuck Voors of Fort Wayne and Linda Mobley of Churubusco; his grandparents, Carl and Pauline McGuire of Churubusco and Oneta and George Bergholtz of Kalkaska, Mich.; several aunts and uncles; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Greg Smith, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, officiating. Burial will be in the Blue River Cemetery, Whitley County.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260, or to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

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January 29, 2008, Tuesday

Dorothey Deetz

AUBURN — Dorothey C. Deetz, 55, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, at her home.

Born in Auburn, Mrs. Deetz was the night auditor at the LaQuinta Hotel. She was a member and past Senior Regent of the Women of the Moose and a member of American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, Max Deetz of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Michelle Demint of Afghanistan; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Frances and George Abel of Auburn, Martha and Bill Patterson of Springfield, Ohio, and Helen and Don Munoz of Detroit, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Sam and Sherry Wise; and three grandchildren, Hope, Annika and Erika Demint of Afghanistan.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary.

Ralph Martin

ANGOLA — Ralph H. Martin, 82, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, in Angola.

Mr. Martin was controller for Tri-State University for 30 years, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran.

He was a member of Angola Christian Church. He served as secretary of the Masonic Lodge No. 236 for 19 years. He was also a member of Scottish Rite, York Rite, and was a 60-year member of the Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He graduated from Angola High School and received a bachelor's degree from Tri-State University.

He was born Oct. 29, 1925, in Angola, to Harold and Dorothy (Klock) Martin. Both preceded him in death. He married Patricia Bowman in Angola on Sept. 6, 1952. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Cynthia Martin of Valparaiso, David and Patricia Martin of Angola, Steven and Kelly Martin of Indianapolis, and Jeffrey and Wendy Martin of Angola; a sister, Mary Lou Johns of Roswell, Ga.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and the Steuben County Historical Society.

Alice Riddle

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Alice Mae Riddle 92, formerly of Fremont and most recently of Grand Rapids, Mich., died at Christian Rest Home in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008.

Mrs. Riddle

Mrs. Riddle was a former member of First Baptist Church of Venice, Fla.

She is survived by her three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Gary Fisher of Pleasant Lake, Jan and Kurt Folkmier of Elkhart and Marcelee and Kris Vander Male of Grand Rapids; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and John Hartzell of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. James L. and Mary Blanche Garrison of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith; a brother, Charles; and a sister, Thelma.

Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Concord, Mich.

Memorials are to Christian Rest Home, 1000 Edison Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Lauer Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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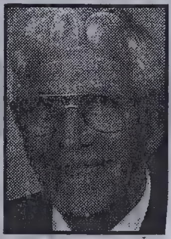
January 30, 2008, Wednesday

Donald Pranger

CHURUBUSCO — Donald M. Pranger, 78, of rural Churubusco died at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient one day.


Mr. Pranger

Mr. Pranger had been employed at Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co. in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring from the stock room there in 1992.

He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Mr. Pranger enjoyed RV camping, flying ultralight planes, and enjoyed wintering in Okeechobee and Sebring, Fla.

He was a graduate of Huntertown High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He was born in Allen County near Huntertown on May 11, 1929, to Frank H. and Elizabeth (Pepe) Pranger. He married Barbara E. McGuire on Aug. 23, 1952. She died July 21, 2004.

Surviving are a son, Donald B. Pranger of Churubusco; a sister, Deloris Bock of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Lavon Pranger of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and their spouses, David and Katie Pranger of Fort Wayne, Andy and Amber Pranger of Mansfield, Ohio, and Elizabeth Pranger of Churubusco; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Pranger and Walter Pranger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or First Assembly of God in Fort Wayne.

Ronald Fuleki Sr.

HAMILTON — Ronald Lee Fuleki Sr., 65, of Hamilton died unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital Heart Center in Fort Wayne due to heart complications.

Mr. Fuleki Sr.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, mowing his lawn, riding his go-cart and quad runner, and spending time with family and friends.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, a member of the Butler post of the American Legion and affiliated with Hamilton United Methodist Church, where he was active in a weekly Bible study. He was a self-taught Bible scholar and had an active voice concerning the current political system. He enjoyed his faithful golden labrador retriever.

He attended Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne and graduated from Butler High School.

He survived a near-fatal motorcycle accident in October 1987, which left him a paraplegic and bound to a wheelchair.

He was born Ronald Lee Fulk on Nov. 19, 1942, in Butler to Bernard Fulk and Helen McDonald. In 1972 he assumed his stepfather Joseph's last name of Fuleki.

He married Gloria Lynne Myers on March 6, 1982. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott Fuleki, and his fiancee, Mandy Schlemmer, and Ronald "Skip" Fuleki Jr. and his wife, Barb Fuleki; a daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Scott Ervin; five grandchildren, Skyler Ervin, Taylor Ervin, Jacqueline Alexander, Tylor Ketring and Amber Fuleki; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Emery and Karen Fuleki of Auburn, Joey and Teresa Fuleki of Fort Wayne, Gary and Marsha Fuleki of St. Joe, Dennis Fuleki, Rex and JoAnne Fulk of Holland, Ohio, and Mike and Diana Fulk of Findlay, Ohio; and a sister and brother-in-law, Dana and Brett Walters of Ada, Ohio.

One brother, Roger Fulk, preceded him in death.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eric Stoops and the Rev. Herschal Murray will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

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Merle Wagner

AUBURN — Merle William Wagner, 65, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Wagner

Mr. Wagner graduated from Riverdale High School of St. Joe in 1960 as the class valedictorian. He attended Defiance College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965. He then attended the University of Saint Francis, receiving his Master of Science in Education degree in 1969. He attended Columbia Pacific University, receiving a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration and Education on April 20, 1984.

He worked at Cherrygarth Farms, helping on the family farm raising shorthorn cattle until 1980. He was a physics, math and driver education teacher at Crestview High School in Convoy, Ohio, from 1965-68. He then moved to Butler and was a physics, math and computer teacher at Eastside High School from 1968-2001, retiring in 2001.

While teaching at Eastside, he worked for Cherrygarth Farms Software Inc. as president and writer of farm software from 1981-1990. In 2001, he became an ESL teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Fort Wayne for five years.

He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne and served as an usher. He also was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, the DeKalb County Retired Teachers Association and the Creative Writing Group at Eckhart Public Library. He enjoyed writing and has written books entitled "Keepsakes of the Heart: An Anthology of Special Times and Holidays" and "Adam's Yoke."

He was born Aug. 15, 1942, in Auburn to Lawrence William and Helen Matilda (Humbert) Wagner. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty L. Etzler on Aug. 13, 1967, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Convoy, Ohio. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Beth and Juan Carlos Alvarez of Auburn; one granddaughter, Angelica Maria Alvarez of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Keith and Rose Wagner of Homestead, Fla., and the Rev. Joseph Wagner and Carolyn Wagner of Thorntown; one sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Maurice Houser of Pleasant Lake; 19 nieces and nephews and their spouses; and 30 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Keith M. Wendt will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Eastside Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 395, Butler, IN 46721; Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46815; or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Mary Sears

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary Ruth Sears, 74, of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Sears

Mrs. Sears was a homemaker, and was formerly the manager of the Fannie Mae Candy Store in South Bend.

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Angola. She enjoyed reading and helping others, and wrote letters to shut-ins. She loved flowers and plants. She formerly lived in South Bend, Muskegon, Mich., and has lived in the Coldwater area for the last 20 years.

She was born May 23, 1933, in Sunbury, Pa., to William Chester and Rachel Melvina (Howerter) Hoey, who both preceded her in death. She married Gordon E. Sears on June 25, 1952, in Sunbury. He preceded her in death on July 31, 2001.

She is survived by a daughter, Ruth Ann Sears of Coldwater; four sons, Jerry Sears of Coldwater, Warren Sears of Indianapolis, Jon Sears of Indianapolis, and Carl Sears of Coldwater; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, William Ruch of Milton, Pa.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sharlene and Donald Eisenhuth of Carlisle, Pa.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard Hoey, and adoptive parents Herman "Beaver" and Helen Ficks.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church in Angola, with the Rev. Bob Koenig officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice in Battle Creek.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Theron Leitch

WOLF LAKE — Theron E. "Whitey" Leitch, 79, of Wolf Lake died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Leitch had been employed 30 years at International Harvester, retiring in 1978. He then mowed lawns in the Wolf Lake area for many years.

His formative years were spent in Green Center and he graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

He was a member of Cromwell Lodge 705 Free & Accepted Masons, Mizpah Shrine, Eagles Lodge 1906 and the American Motorcycle Association.

Mr. Leitch and his wife, Lenora, spent winters in Monticello, Ky., from 1986 to 2006.

He was born June 22, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Vearl and Helen (Green) Leitch. He married Lenora Jean Youse Miller on Sept. 4, 1948. She died Feb. 28, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Sandy Leitch of Fredericksburg, Va., and William and Frances Leitch of Wolf Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Lawrence Engle of Springfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a half brother, Daniel Leitch of Florida; and a half sister, Bonnie Patterson of Indianapolis.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Todd Albert Leitch and Lynn Edward Leitch.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a Masonic service conducted by Cromwell Lodge 705 F.&A.M. at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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Randolph Friedel

HUDSON — Randolph "Randy" Michael Friedel, 57, Hudson, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Friedel was a carpenter/millwright for Indiana Local Union Millwright No. 1029. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam.

He was a member of Indiana Local Union Millwright No. 1029, Scorpion Harley Chapter of southwest Michigan, and Indianapolis American Legion Post No. 0777.

He was born Dec. 15, 1950, in Bryan, Ohio, to Harold O. and Evelyn L. (Towers) Friedel, who both preceded him in death. His wife, Karen Friedel, survives.

He is also survived by a son and his fiancee, Gabriel Friedel and Kacie Meek of Angola; two daughters, Jennifer Friedel of Eugene, Ore., and Jasmine Rice of Homer, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Vanita Friedel of Bronson, Mich., and Dennis and Janet Friedel of Carlyle; four sisters, Peggy Bishop of Bryan, Sarah Jane Sweet of Stryker, Ohio, Susan Friedel of Fort Wayne, and Mitzi Michelle Gary of Edon, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Serena Schlageter-Friedel and Jazlyn Friedel.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Allison Friedel, and a brother, Eric Lee Friedel, on Jan. 21, 2007.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Gabriel Friedel.

Harold Emerick

FORT WAYNE — Harold E. Emerick, 77, of Lake of the Woods died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008.

Mr. Emerick was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of American Legion Post 423.

Mr. Emerick

Surviving are his wife, Joan; a daughter, Sandra K. Emerick of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Nancy Emerick of Columbia City; five grandchildren; a great-grandson; a brother, Don Emerick of Hoagland; and a sister, Elva Hammond.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ray Emerick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home, Health & Hospice.

Mildred Cline

PLEASANT LAKE — Mildred Marie Cline, 88, of Pleasant Lake, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Cline worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 16 years, and also worked at Kroger.

She was born Oct. 28, 1919, in Branch County, Mich., to Arlindo and Ida Viola (Chenoweth) Norton. Both preceded her in death. She married Paul V. Cline on Sept. 27, 1942. He died Sept. 22, 1994.

She was survived by nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Graveside services will be held at South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County at 2 p.m. Thursday, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Woman gets 90 days in man's death

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Mission, Texas, woman was sentenced to 90 days in jail for involuntary manslaughter Tuesday in Noble Superior Court I.

Emotions ran high as Victoria Garza was sentenced for causing the July 16, 2006, accident that took the life of Mark James Lipscomb, 29, of Sturgis Mich.; at the intersection of U.S. 6 and Donaldson Drive in Kendallville.

A member of Lipscomb's family protested the sentence, and Lipscomb's mother wept loudly.

Meanwhile, one of those injured in the crash, Lacey Johnston of Rome City, said she forgave Garza for the accident.

Garza, 20, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter, a Class D felony, and criminal recklessness, a Class A misdemeanor, on Nov. 2, 2007.

A handwritten agreement in the case called for her to be sentenced to a maximum of two years in prison for the offense, with both prosecution and defense to make arguments in the case.

Kirsch ruled that Garza's lack of a criminal record and remorse and the fact that the offense was unlikely to reoccur were all mitigating factors in the case, calling for a more lenient sentence.

Kirsch sentenced Garza to two years in prison with 90 days to serve and the rest suspended and on probation.

Noble County deputy public defender Howard Hanson argued Tuesday that Garza, who has a child, had no criminal record and the offense was unlikely to reoccur.

Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch found that there were no aggravating circumstances in the case that would call for a harsher sentence.

Garza

While on probation, Garza must make restitution to the victims, and complete a defensive driving course and 100 hours of community service. She was given credit for six days of actual time served.

The emotions spilled outside the courtroom as Lipscomb's mother, sobbing and saying, "That was my boy," was helped out by a family member.

Members of Johnston's family asked to be able to speak with Garza — who was by now under guard for transport to the Noble County Jail — so they could tell her they had forgiven her.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse declined to comment on the case.

Garza and her two passengers were injured when the Mercury Grand Marquis she drove struck a 2006 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, killing Lipscomb and injuring Johnston.

Lipscomb died of blunt force trauma at the scene. Johnston had to be airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne by Samaritan Helicopter. Garza and her two passengers, Valerie Garza and Milly Loman, both of Texas, were treated at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Garza was driving at about 63.7 mph in an area where the speed limit drops from 45 to 35 mph, according to court records. She lost control while attempting to pass a vehicle and fishtailed before striking the motorcycle.

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January 30, 2008, Wednesday

Edward D. Tipton, 77

CHURUBUSCO – Edward D. Tipton, 77, of Churubusco, died at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at the family residence. He had been in declining health since November.

Born in Albion on May 29, 1930, a son of Edward C. and Ogden (Morr) Tipton, his formative years were spent there and he graduated from Albion High School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

On June 12, 1954, he was married in New York City to Kathleen Miller. The couple lived in Albion and Columbia City for a period following their marriage and had lived at their present home in Churubusco since 1959.

He was employed as a crane operator at Slater Steel in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring from there in 1992. Always known as a very kind person, he was a fan of Chicago Cubs baseball and Indiana University basketball. He also followed his grandchildren's sports activities.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy; two children, Nancy (Daniel) Poyser of Churubusco and William D. Tipton of Albion; a brother, John (Gwen) Tipton of Kendallville; a sister, Lois Jean Kelly of Kendallville; four grandchildren; a great-granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Daniel Leeuw, the celebrant.

Interment was in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County, with military graveside rites by Whitley County Korean War Veterans. Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made for masses or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 353 N. Oak St. Columbia City, IN 46725.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Tipton's memory, please visit www.sheetschilds.net.

Martha E. (Gandy) Lindsey, 94

DUNEDIN FLORIDA – Martha E. Lindsey, age 94, of Dunedin, Florida passed away Sunday, January 13, 2008 at Meese Dunedin Hospital. Martha had become a permanent Florida resident after the passing of her husband Russell in 1990.

She was born October 5, 1913 on the family homestead next to Merriam Christian Chapel Church in Merriam, Indiana. Martha was the fourth daughter born to Ora D. and Victoria (Anspaugh) Gandy.

Martha graduated from Wolf Lake High School and Methodist School of Nursing in Fort Wayne, She worked at Elkhart Memorial Hospital in Elkhart, Indiana. She then married her longtime sweetheart, Russell O. Lindsey on her birthday in 1938. They were married by her brother-in-law the Rev. P. Virgil Harris. Martha then worked at Lake View (McCray) Hospital in Kendallville until they started their family.

During her life she was a member of Tri Kappa and the Methodist Women Club. She served as Matron of the Noble County Jail from 1959-1967 while her husband served as sheriff. Martha and Russell then retired to Houghton Lake, Michigan and ran a summer resort for 20 years, then retiring again to become snowbirds enjoying the warm winters in Florida.

Martha is survived by her two daughters, Victoria (Vicki) Lindsey of Dunedin, Florida and Judith (Jil) of Albion; two grandsons, Scott (Mindy) Leatherman of Columbia City, and Dustin Leatherman of Albion; a granddaughter, Lindsey Leatherman of Indianapolis; two great-grandsons, Colby and Evan Leatherman of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Alberta Gandy of Elkhart; and six nieces and one nephew.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Russell O. Lindsey on June 7, 1990 and son, Thomas (Tom) on May 23, 2003; three sisters, Orphia Harris, Mary Winebrenner, and Loena Surfus; a brother, Colby Gandy; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Curlew United Methodist Church. Interment will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at a later date.

The family requests in lieu of gifts or flowers, memorials be sent to her church, Curlew United Methodist Church at 2210 Cathedral Drive, Palm Harbor, Florida 34683.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 30, 2008, Wednesday

Richard Lynn Trowbridge, 60

KENDALLVILLE – Richard Lynn Trowbridge, age 60, of Kendallville, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2008 at the Richard L. Roudebush V.A. Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Trowbridge was born in Kendallville on January 18, 1948 to Cecil George Trowbridge, Jr. and Carolyn Jean (Wolf) Trowbridge, Jr.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1966, entered the United States Navy, and served his country for eight years during the Vietnam Era.

Richard was an avid reader. He loved his dog, Ty, and riding his Silver Wing motorcylce.

In the past, Richard worked at No-Sag and Quick Lube both in Kendallville.

Survivors include: a son, Jeremy Trowbridge; three sisters, Pam (Steve) Munger of Garrett, Cathy (Wally) Brellenthin of Auburn and LuAnn Rathke of Albion; a brother, Bill (Brenda) Trowbridge of the state of Washington; an aunt, Mary Lou (Don) Smart of Kendallville; an uncle, Tom (Vonetta) Trowbridge of Churubusco; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents and his sister, Cindy Weber in 2007.

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Bob Shriner.

Burial will be at a later date at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

June Ilene Newman, 82

KENDALLVILLE - June Ilene Newman, 82, went home to be with the Lord at 7:15 AM on January 23, 2008 at her home in rural Kendallville, surrounded by her loving family. She had been in declining health for the past year. She was born June 13, 1925 in West Liberty, Ohio, and lived most of her life in the area. She was the daughter of Ralph L. Keller and Anna Marie (Lauer) Keller.

Mrs. Newman was a 1943 graduate of Avilla High School, and during WWII she worked in the office for Boswers, Inc in Fort Wayne, and for seven years was an Avon Representative. For most of her married life she was a homemaker. A lifetime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla she held many positions including Secretary of the Ladies Aide. She was the leader of the Pet and Hobby Club of Noble County, and served on the Board of Directors of the Noble County Farm Bureau, and also served as Secretary of the Farm Bureau. For many years she served on the Allen Township 4-H Club Committee and 4-H Exhibit Corp. of Noble County.

She and her family raised, showed and enjoyed Arabian and Quarter horses.

On June 30, 1945 in Los Angeles, California she married Max E. Newman, he survives in Kendallville. Other survivors include daughters, Vickie L. Tuffley of Kendallville, Judy (Michael) Huesner of Waynedale, Melissa Henry of Louisiana; a son Max E. (Mimi) Newman, of rural Avilla; three grandchildren, Chad Burton, Brett (Jenny) Frick of Albion, and Dr. Erin Frick of Ohio; two step-grandchildren Sorell and Kegan Harkenrider; and a sister, Betty Egolf.

Preceeding Mrs. Newman in death are her parents; a sister, Marcille Hess; a granddaughter, Tiffany Lynn Burton; son-in-law, Wendel C. Henry; two grandhildren, Loren Renee Henry, Bryant Wendel Newman Henry; and a great granddaughter, Kaylee Ilene Elizabeth Henry.

Funeral services for Mrs. Newman were Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating.

Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers for Mrs. Newman were Brett Frick, Tim Hess, Mike Huesner, Bill Rae, Kegan Harkenrider, and Jerry Goldsmith. Honorary pallbearers were Ira Growcock, and Alton Egolf.

Please make memorial contributions to Immanuel Luhteran Church Building Fund or to the Cancer Society.

To sign an online register or to send online condolences, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 30, 2008, Wednesday

Chad J. McGuire, 37

Chad J. McGuire, 37 a resident of rural Columbia City near Collins, died at 3:24 a.m. on Sunday, January 27, 2008 from injuries sustained in an ATV accident at his residence in Smith Township.

Mr. McGuire was born on February 8, 1970 in Columbia City, a son of Jerry and Sue (Dirr) McGuire. He spent his formative years in Kaleva, Michigan and graduated from Brethren High School in 1988.

He returned to this area in 2000 and was married in Columbia City on August 7, 2004 to Jennifer "Jennie" Dull.

He had been employed as a supervisor at Symmetry Ultrexx in Avilla since 2001 and was also engaged in farming in Smith Township. In his leisure time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming and all sports -- particularly hockey.

The surviving relatives include his wife Jennie; two step-daughters Courtney Cooper of Indianapolis and Amanda Cooper of Chicago; his father and step-mother Jerry and Judy McGuire of Churubusco; his mother and step-father Sue and William Sandell of Grand Rapids, Mich; his in-laws Rick and Jo Dull of Albion; a brother Shayne (Christin) Sandell of Lansing, Mich; two step-brothers Stacy (Krista) Holzinger of Churubusco and Walter (Trish) Gratz of Huntertown; two step-sisters Pam (Chuck) Voors of Fort Wayne and Linda Mobley of Churubusco; his grandparents Carl and Pauline McGuire of Churubusco, and Oneta and George Bergholtz of Kalkaska, Mich; several aunts and uncles; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Greg Smith pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. or one hour prior to the service Thursday morning.

Interment will be in the Blue River Cemetery, Whitley County.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian Street, B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260, or to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. McGuire's memory, please log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Billy M. Perkins, 87

Billy M. Perkins, 87, formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away January 24, 2008 at the North Ridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center, Albion Indiana.

He is survived by his wife Wanda. They had been married 66 years.

Also surviving are three sons, Timothy of Fort Ogden, Florida, Ronald (Alice), of (Big Lake) Albion, Indiana, and John (Sally), Salem, of New Hampshire; three grandchildren, Tonya (Jerry Shank of Albion, Indiana; Tammy (Darrell) Jones of Nine Mile, Washington; and Kevin (Deb) Perkins of Thompsonville, Illinois, and six great-grandchildren.

There will be no public calling or services. Funeral arrangements are by Advantage Funeral Home, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

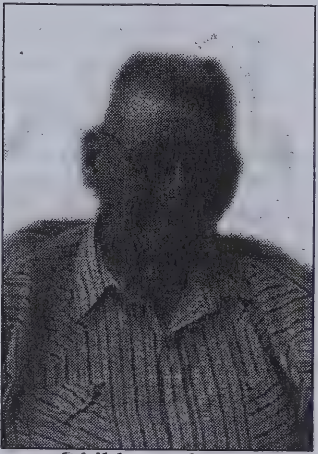
Preferred memorials are to the Rusty J. Shank Student Loan Fund in care of Community State Bank, 115 East Main Street, Albion, IN 46701.

The Ruth Troyer family would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who were there with comfort, food, gifts, floral tributes and memorials. We appreciate your support during our celebration of her life.

Harold Troyer and family
Everett Troyer and family and
Linda Allman and family

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 30, 2008, Wednesday

Therone E. Leitch, 79



WOLF LAKE – Therone E. "Whitey" Leitch, 79, of Wolf Lake, died Monday, January 28, 2008 at his home.

He was born June 22, 1928 in Fort Wayne, IN a son of Vearl and Helen (Green) Leitch. His formative years were spent in Green Center. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On September 4, 1948 he was united in marriage to Lenora Jean (Youse) Miller. They made their home in the Wolf Lake area, wintering in Menticello, KY from 1986 until 2006. Mrs. Leitch died in February 28, 2002.

He was employed 30 years at International Harvester, retiring in 1978. He then mowed lawns in the Wolf Lake area for many years.

His memberships include Cromwell Lodge #705 Free & Accepted Masons, Mizpah Shrine, eagles Lodge #1906 and American Motorcycle Association.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Steven (Sandy) Leitch of Fredericksburg, VA and William (Frances) Leitch of Wolf Lake; a daughter, Marjorie (Lawrence) Engle of Springfield, OH; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a half brother, Daniel Leitch of FL and a half sister, Bonnie Patterson of Indianapolis.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Todd Albert Leitch and Lynn Edward Leitch.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 1, 2008 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. The burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

A Masonic service conducted by Cromwell Lodge #705 F. & A.M. will held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorial may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Martha E. Mansfield, 95

KENDALLVILLE – Martha E. Mansfield, age 95, of Kendallville, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mansfield was born in Wolf Lake, Indiana on June 1, 1912 to Hugh W. Hickman and Bessie L. (Grubb) Hickman.

She married Lawrence M. Mansfield on September 17, 1929 in Albion, Indiana. Mr. Mansfield passed away on October 11, 1973.

Mrs. Mansfield was a homemaker and worked on the Noble County family farm. She also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier and then in Topeka, Indiana for 13 years.

In her free time she loved to quilt and put puzzles together.

Surviving Mrs. Mansfield are one son; Steve Mansfield of Avilla and and his friend Becky Christensen of Garrett; one daughter, Lucy Marie Mansfield and her companion John Mertz of Corunna; five grandchildren, Dale Potts, Robert Potts, Melissa Mertz, David Mertz and Jennifer Mertz; four great-grandchildren, Natosha Potts, Kylee Potts, Chad Potts and Zachary Potts; one brother, Hugh "Mutt" (Thelma) Hickman of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lawrence M. Mansfield; one grandson, Paul E. Potts; two brothers, Jim Hickman and Arthur Hickman; and one sister, Mae Bailey.

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion, Indiana.

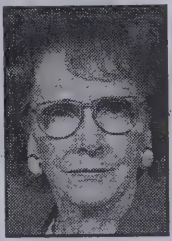
Preferred Memorials may be made to Donor's Choice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 31, 2008, Thursday

Harriet Garman

MIDDLEBURY — Harriet V. Garman, 84, of Middlebury died at 9:04 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.


Mrs. Garman

Mrs. Garman had worked at Weyerhauser in Middlebury and retired from Syndicate Systems after 20 years of service. She then worked at Elias Advertising from 1995 to 2001.

She was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury. She was also a member of the Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary and Middlebury Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Garman loved playing the piano and spending time with her family and friends.

She was born Feb. 9, 1923, in White Pigeon, Mich., to Jerry and Harriet (Miller) Brandeberry. She married Wilbur J. Garman on Oct. 13, 1945. He died Sept. 15, 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Deb Garman of Goshen; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and James Holloway of Bristol; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Velma Kehres of Dunedin, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Lawrence and Elvin Brandeberry.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury with the Rev. William Steinke officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.

James Elam

WALDRON LAKE — James F. "Jim" Elam, 63, of Waldron Lake died at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, at his residence. He had lived at the lake for 10 years, coming from Hartford City.

Mr. Elam

Mr. Elam retired in 2000 as economic development manager with I&M after 34 years of service.

He was a member of Rome City United Methodist Church.

Mr. Elam enjoyed living at the lake and will be remembered as a good husband, father, grandpa, in-law and friend.

He was born Sept. 15, 1944, in Hartford City to Floyd and Lelia M. (Davis) Elam. He married Pauletta McIntire on April 2, 1966, in Hartford City. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Angie and Jeff Stanley of Hartford City and Monica Elam of New Haven; two grandchildren, Joshua Stanley and Christopher Stanley; three sisters, Peggy Holsten, Paulene Lugar and Carol Whitesell, all of Hartford City; a brother, Charlie Elam of Shirley; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, William and Annabee McIntire of Montpelier; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Jerry and Lois McIntire of Salem and Bill and Anette McIntire of Montpelier; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rome City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Rome City United Methodist Church or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ruby Hicks

WAWAKA — Ruby Hicks, 83, of Wawaka died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Helen Carlin

GARRETT — Helen A. Carlin, 102, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at 2:30 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Carlin

Mrs. Carlin was a teacher for the Garrett public schools for six years, then worked as a payroll clerk for Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for 20 years, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett and the Rosary Society.

She was born Feb. 9, 1905, in Butler, to Frank and Della (Hiner) McDonald.

On Nov. 23, 1929, she married Joseph M. Carlin in Chicago. He died in January 1952.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William J. and Mary L. Carlin of Garrett; three grandsons, Joe Carlin of Garrett and Terry Bobay and John Bobay, both of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters, Tina Davis of Garrett and Peggy Nicola of Fort Wayne; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Joan M. Bobay.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 3-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a rosary service at 5:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Saturday from 10:30-11 a.m. in the church.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

David Jones

FORT WAYNE — David R. Jones, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was employed with International Harvester many years and retired from Tool Tech in Fort Wayne in 1991 after eight years of service.

He was the past president of the Muscular Dystrophy Association chapter of greater Fort Wayne and was also an avid softball and volleyball player into his adult years.

Mr. Jones graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne and General Electric Apprentice School.

Mr. Jones entered the United States Navy and served his country during World War II from 1945 until 1946.

He was born in Dayton, Ohio, on Aug. 2, 1927, to David W. and Hazel (Moriarty) Jones. He married Marcella Jean Bassinet on Nov. 29, 1963. She died in August 1999.

Surviving are a son, David W. Jones of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jan Coleman of Kendallville and Pam and Bob Tuffley of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; four stepsons and their spouses, Michael and Cindy Kern of Fayettville, N.C., Ron and Nancy Kern of New Haven, Greg and Karen Kern of Carmel and William "Bill" Kern of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and her husband, Cheryl and Roger Cole of Sun City West, Ariz.; four grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marjorie Quinn of Columbia, Mo., and Linda Young of Elgin, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Granville H. Hill; two sisters, Maryann Engstrom and Cynthia Sims; and two brothers, Allen Jones and Ronald Jones.

Private graveside services and burial will be Friday at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Muscular Dystrophy Association, Fort Wayne Chapter, in care of Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Essie Morris

BUTLER — Essie E. Morris, 79, of Butler died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb Health Care Center in Butler.

She worked as a waitress, nurse's aide and housekeeper.

She was born March 21, 1928, in Murray, Ky., to Lanis and Beatrice (Hill) Phillips. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Bobby Hodges, Ronald Hodges and Darrell Morris, all of Murray, Ky.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Thomas Hodges and Roy Morris, a daughter, Judy Thorne; two brothers, Earl and Robert Phillips, and two sisters, Bessie Parrish and Louise Phillips.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Rosalie Carter

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — Rosalie B. "Rose" Carter, 65, of Brooksville, Fla., died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, at her home.

She was born in Churubusco and moved from Auburn to Florida 20 years ago.

She attended Anchor Baptist Church and Churubusco High School. She was employed at Parrott Middle School and Star Education as a teacher's aide. She retired from the Hernando school system in 2005. She enjoyed crafts, woodworking, gardening, ceramics and collecting dolls.

Surviving are her husband, Jack Carter of Brooksville; three daughters, Cindy L. Healy of Garrett, Brenda L. Maugherman of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Donita J. Womack of Spring Hill, Fla.; a son, Russell Womack Jr. of Garrett; two brothers, Thomas Garrison of Angola and Norman Garrison of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Perry A. and Elma V. Garrison.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at New Life Ministries, 130 N. Randolph St., Garrett.

Brewer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, 1190 S. Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34601, is handling arrangements.

Pauline Kocher

ANGOLA — Pauline D. Kocher, 90, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Kocher was retired from Essex in Topeka, where she worked for 26 years.

She had graduated from Salem Center High School in 1935.

She was born March 16, 1917, in Elmira to Glen and Carrie (Keyes) Gaskill, who both preceded her in death. She married Alvin Kocher on May 16, 1936. He died in 1961.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Judy Clark of Pleasant Lake, and Melanie and Ted Pollard of Angola; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating.

Memorials are to Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include new information about relatives.*

Dorothey Deetz

AUBURN — Dorothey C. Deetz, 55, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Deetz was a nurse's aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for several years before working as the night auditor at the LaQuinta Hotel. She was a member and past Senior Regent of the Women of the Moose and a member of American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She graduated from DeKalb High School and from Indiana Wesleyan University, Fort Wayne, with an associate's degree in business administration.

She was born Sept. 6, 1952, in Auburn to Charlotte L. (Goodacre) Wise and Ira Wise Jr. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Max Deetz of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Doug DeMint, serving in the Army in Afghanistan, and Michelle DeMint of Knoxville, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Hope, Annika and Erika DeMint of Knoxville; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Frances and George Abel of Auburn, Marty and Bill Patterson of Springfield, Ohio, and Helen and Don Munoz of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Sam and Sherry Wise of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; and

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary or the Moose Auxiliary.

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Martha Lindsey

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Martha E. (Gandy) Lindsey, 94, of Dunedin died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at Meese Dunedin Hospital.

Mrs. Lindsey was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and Methodist School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Elkhart Memorial Hospital in Elkhart and at Lakeview (McCray) Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Lindsey had been a member of Tri Kappa and Methodist Women. She served as matron at the Noble County Jail from 1959 to 1967 while her husband, Russell, served as Noble County sheriff.

She and her husband retired to Houghton Lake, Mich., and operated a summer resort for 20 years. They then moved to Florida.

She was born Oct. 5, 1913, on the family homestead next to Merriam Christian Chapel Church in Merriam to Ora and Victoria (Anspaugh) Gandy. She married Russell Lindsey on Oct. 5, 1938. He died June 7, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Victoria "Vicki" Lindsey of Dunedin, Fla., and Judith "Jill" Leatherman of Albion; two grandsons, Scott and Mindy Leatherman of Columbia City and Dustin Leatherman of Albion; a granddaughter, Lindsey Leatherman of Indianapolis; two great-grandsons, Colby and Evan Leatherman; a sister-in-law, Alberta Bandy of Elkhart; six nieces; and a nephew.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas "Tom" Lindsey on May 23, 2003; three sisters, Orpha Harris, Mary Winebrenner and Loena Surfus; a brother, Colby Gandy; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Jan. 18 at Curlew United Methodist Church in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to Curlew United Methodist Church, 2210 Cathedral Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34683.

Bradley Hilyard

DECATUR — Bradley J. Hilyard, 47, of rural Decatur died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Hilyard was the operations manager for Vetronix Research Corp. in Hilton Head, S.C.

He was president of the Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland, president of the Monmouth Little League and coach for the Cardinal baseball team.

He was born Jan. 29, 1961, in Decatur to Max and Betty (Haugk) Hilyard. Both survive at Crooked Lake. He married Karen Spindler on Sept. 9, 1989. She survives in Decatur.

He is also survived by two sons, Taylor and Jordan Hilyard; a daughter, Paige Hilyard; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, David and Kathy Hilyard of Fort Wayne, Jack and Cindy Hilyard of Crooked Lake and Tony Hilyard of Decatur.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur, with the Rev. Richard Vonesh officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children's Education Fund.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 31, 2008, Thursday

James Halsey

CROMWELL — James H. Halsey, 82, of Cromwell and formerly of Syracuse, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Syracuse.

He worked for Cle-Mar Cartage in Cromwell as a mechanic and shop foreman until his retirement in 1980. He was an Army veteran of World War II as a Technician Fifth Grade Battery, in the 466th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion and the 17th Airborne Division. He was awarded many decorations and medals during his tenure.

Mr. Halsey was a member of the Cromwell post of the American Legion, where he served as commander for several years and always took part in their Memorial Day services. He enjoyed hunting wild game in Colorado and mushroom hunting in Indiana.

He was born July 25, 1925, in Rome City to Curtis and Grace (Carter) Halsey.

He married Lorine Scott on May 4, 1946, in Indianapolis. They were married for 59 years before she died Oct. 25, 2004.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Linda and Bill Bonham of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jane Senn of Oakhurst, Calif., Rebecca and Scott Hire of Syracuse, Debra and John Quackenbush of Lansing, Mich., and Cathy and Alvin High of Baden, Pa.; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a foster son, Pete Taylor of Kentucky; a sister, Nancy Tkatch; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Everett and Rosemary Halsey and Roger and Joanne Halsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Donald, Kenneth, Ezra and Sterling Halsey; a sister, Wilma Archer; and a foster son, Tom Taylor.

Services were Monday at 11 a.m. at J. A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Benny Archer officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, with James' grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Memorials are to Hospice of Indiana or a charity of the donor's choice.

Theron Leitch

WOLF LAKE — Theron E. "Whitey" Leitch, 79, of Wolf Lake died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Leitch had been employed 30 years at International Harvester, retiring in 1978. He then mowed lawns in the Wolf Lake area for many years.

His formative years were spent in Green Center and he graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

He was a member of Cromwell Lodge 705 Free & Accepted Masons, Mizpah Shrine, Eagles Lodge 1906 and the American Motorcycle Association.

Mr. Leitch and his wife, Lenora, spent winters in Monticello, Ky., from 1986 to 2006.

He was born June 22, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Vearl and Helen (Green) Leitch. He married Lenora Jean Youse Miller on Sept. 4, 1948. She died Feb. 28, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Sandy Leitch of Fredericksburg, Va., and William and Frances Leitch of Wolf Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Lawrence Engle of Springfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a half brother, Daniel Leitch of Florida; and a half sister, Bonnie Patterson of Indianapolis.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Todd Albert Leitch and Lynn Edward Leitch.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a Masonic service conducted by Cromwell Lodge 705 F.&A.M. at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 1, 2008, Friday

Betty Baker

AVILLA — Betty Baker, wife of Russell Baker, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at their home in Avilla.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ronald Bollman

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald Dale Bollman, 75, of Kendallville died at 1:35 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Bollman

Mr. Bollman was the last resident from the old Lutheran Home on Mitchell Street to move into the new Shepherd of the Hill facility. He had resided in the nursing home for 21 years, coming from Woodruff.

He was born June 23, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Arthur A. and Marie E. (Cross) Bollman.

Surviving are a brother, Robert A. Bollman of Woodruff; and a niece and her husband, Sherry and Skip Carter of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Shepherd of the Hill chapel, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Mark Minnick

NORTH WEBSTER — Mark S. Minnick, 58, of North Webster died on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at his residence following a valiant battle with cancer.

Mr. Minnick

Mr. Minnick was a lifetime area resident who was a self-employed carpenter.

He graduated in 1968 from North Webster High School. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Minnick was a member of the American Legion Post 253 in North Webster and VFW Post 1342 in Syracuse.

He was born March 26, 1949, in Warsaw to Harry and Betty (Paulus) Minnick. His parents survive in Ligonier.

He married Sandra L. Galbreath on April 6, 2006. She survives in Warsaw.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sara and Jeff Taylor of Columbus, Misty Minnick of Syracuse and Julie Minnick of North Webster; six grandchildren; four stepdaughters and their spouses, Chris and Dan Ricci of North Webster, Jamie Mobley of Fort Wayne, Michelle and Nick Cox of Pierceton and Julie Miller of Pierceton; a stepson, Rick Minnick of Fort Wayne; 12 stepgrandchildren; a sister, Suzanne Shock of Ligonier; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike and Lori Minnick of Ligonier; Matt and Kristi Minnick of Topeka and Marshall and Linda Minnick of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by infant twin brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Owen Family Funeral Homes, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with Pastor Brad Cox of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery with full military graveside rites by North Webster American Legion Post 253.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Disabled American Veterans or Parkview Whitley Home Health & Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 1, 2008, Friday

Ruby Hicks

BRIMFIELD — Ruby Hicks, 83, of Brimfield died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She had been employed with Monsanto in Ligonier from 1959 until her retirement at 1987.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks enjoyed spending time with her family, quilting, crocheting and traveling. She also loved to play bingo and being outdoors and tending to her flower and vegetable gardens.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Yukon, W.Va., on Dec. 1, 1924, to Vernie Blevins Sr. and Beatrice (Delph) Blevins. Her parents preceded her death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Charles Johnson of London, Ky., Patsi Hicks of Falls Church, Va., and Carol and Carl Pulver of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Raven Jr. and Omah Hicks of Ligonier and Herbert Franklin "Frank" Hicks of Cromwell; 15 grandchildren, Chuck and Stacey Johnson, Charity Hicks, Penny Hicks, Kenny and Jessica Hicks, Tammy Hicks, Christopher and Shannon Hicks-Cespedes, Brandon and Nichelle Pulver, Jenifer Pulver, Tasha and Shawn Rasler, Brock and Sarah Pulver, Dustin Pulver, Nathan Pulver, Trevor Pulver, Austin Pulver and Katie Pulver; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters, Deloris Davis of Roanoke, Va., and Ethel Carica of Virginia; and three brothers, Tom Blevins of Roanoke, Va.; Vernie Blevins Jr. of Albion and Ernest Blevins of Reno, Nev.

She was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Alexander Matthew McBride; two sisters, Catherine Bolen and Mildred Brewer; and two brothers, Bennie Blevins and Lundy Blevins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Magic Foundation or to the CARES Foundation.

View a video tribute after today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Deborah Poffenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Deborah L. Poffenberger, 53, of Kendallville died at 2:38 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Poffenberger

She grew up in Fort Wayne and had also lived in Huntertown and Columbia City.

She graduated from Ivy Tech School of Nursing and had been employed as an LPN at Parkview Hospital for two years, Byron Health Center for seven years, The Oaks Living Center for a year and lastly at Columbia City Nursing Home for two years.

She was born Aug. 3, 1954, in Ashley to Ned and Berdena (Wiler) Sanders.

Surviving are two sons, Shawn Kleeberg and his wife, Marissa, of Churubusco and Shannon Kleeberg and his companion, Cassie Thompson, of Columbia City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Starr and Eric Newman of Fort Wayne and Summer and Chris Plaskewicz of Huntertown; 10 grandchildren; her mother and stepfather, Berdena and Dean Norris of Auburn; a brother, Douglas Sanders of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Linda and Brian Norris of Crawfordsville and Patricia and Todd Brown of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Don Shankster officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at Nolt Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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William Bales

WAWAKA — William H. Bales, 79, of Wawaka and formerly of New Haven died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Bales

Mr. Bales retired from ITT Industries in 1984 with more than 35 years of service.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a lifetime member of VFW Post 2457 and a member of the American Legion.

He was born in Bradford, Pa., to Parnell and Pearl Bales.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Debbie Bales of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Dave Tribolet of Fort Wayne; a stepson, David Grubb; a sister, Mary Francis Crook; a brother, Pete Bales of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 36 years, Carol, in 2007; and a stepdaughter, Tammy Franklin.

There are no services. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Memorials are to hospice or the donor's choice.

Homer Shaffer

MERRIAM — Homer O. "Dick" Shaffer, 84, a lifelong resident of Merriam died at 9:40 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where he was admitted on Jan. 25.

He owned and operated O.W. Shaffer & Son which was renamed Shaffer Equipment, retiring in 1981.

He graduated from Wolf Lake High School and International Business College.

Mr. Shaffer was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church and a charter member of Quiet Birdmen Organization since December 1958.

He was born Dec. 25, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Olen W. and Mary A. (Carter) Shaffer. He married Beulah M. Harding on April 29, 1945. She survives.

Surviving are two sons, Richard E. "Ed" Shaffer of Churubusco and John R. Shaffer of Tri Lakes; two grandsons, Cody Shaffer and Jamison Shaffer; and a sister, Agnes Hartman of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, 3985 S. U.S. 33, with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before the service at the church on Sunday.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to clarify information.*

Randolph Friedel

HUDSON — Randolph "Randy" Michael Friedel, 57, Hudson, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Friedel was a carpenter/millwright for Indiana Local Union Millwright No. 1029. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam.

He was a member of Indiana Local Union Millwright No. 1029, Scorpion Harley Chapter of southwest Michigan, and Indianapolis American Legion Post No. 0777.

He was born Dec. 15, 1950, in Bryan, Ohio, to Harold O. and Evelyn L. (Towers) Friedel, who both preceded him in death.

He is survived by his lifelong friend and mother of his children, Karen Friedel; a son and his fiancee, Gabriel Friedel and Kacie Meek of Angola; two daughters, Jennifer Friedel of Eugene, Ore., and Jasmine Rice of Homer, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Vanita Friedel of Bronson, Mich., and Dennis and Janet Friedel of Carlyle; four sisters, Peggy Bishop of Bryan, Sarah Jane Sweet of Stryker, Ohio, Susan Friedel of Fort Wayne, and Mitzi Michelle Gary of Edon, Ohio; two grandchildren, Serena Schlageter-Friedel and Jazlyn Friedel.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Allison Friedel, and a brother, Eric Lee Friedel, on Jan. 21, 2007.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Gabriel Friedel.

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Erma Hulbert

AUBURN — Erma J. Hulbert, 76, formerly of Butler died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Hulbert retired from Tri-Wall after 20 years of service.

Mrs. Hulbert

She was born Sept. 2, 1931, in Defiance, Ohio, to Floyd and Laverne (Weaner) Rickerd.

She married Glen Hulbert on Feb. 6, 1954, in Butler. He died March 13, 1991.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert and Nan Hulbert of Butler, Duane Hulbert of Waterloo, Steven and Kathy Hulbert of St. Joe and William and Cathy Hulbert of Butler; three daughters and a son-in-law, Marsha and Ken Henry of Avilla, Carolyn Trowbridge of Edon, Ohio, and Darlynne Hulbert of Auburn; three brothers, Calvin Rickerd of Chicago, Jim Rickerd of South Carolina and Rick Rickerd of Angola; four stepbrothers, Arlie Hulbert of Fort Wayne, Lloyd Hulbert of Hamilton, Darrell Hulbert of Butler and Ronald Hulbert of Butler; a stepsister, Lola Rickerd of Chicago; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Esther Hulbert, and three stepbrothers, Olen, Loren and Carl Hulbert.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Butler Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Matthew Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Carl Prill

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., — Carl W. Prill, 73, of St. Joseph, Mich., and formerly of Jimmerson Lake and Van Wert, Ohio, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph.

Mr. Prill worked for Aeroquip Corp. for 40 years, having served as plant manager at various locations, retiring as director of operations. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Prill

He was a member of the board of directors of the Eagle Pointe Yacht Club, the St. Joseph Elks Lodge, the Van Wert American Legion Post, Toys for Tots, and a former member of the Van Wert Rotary Club.

He was born March 29, 1934, in Van Wert County, Ohio, to Doyt and Mary Jane (Williams) Prill. Both preceded him in death. He married Mary Lou Girod on June 22, 1957. She survives in St. Joseph.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Deborah Prill of Spring Hill, Fla., and Kevin and Tanya Prill of Saline, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Randy Copas of Marshall, Mich.; and eight grandchildren, Daniel, Shannon, Jessica, Eric, Marissa and Drew Prill, and Morgan and Hunter Copas.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Howard, Harold and Gordon Prill; and a sister, Thelma Prill.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, with the Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Van Wert American Legion and VFW posts.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to agfhc@embarqmail.com.

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Giovanni Consolino

AUBURN — Giovanni "John" Consolino, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008.

Mr. Consolino

Mr. Consolino was a captain in the Army during World War II and served in the Mediterranean theater of operations. He retired from Belden Wire & Cable Co. in Richmond after 41 years of service with the title of director of manufacturing. He was known as "Popa," "God Father" and "Snow Bird." He loved to spend time on the golf course and with his family.

He was the son of Eustachio and Camilla Consolino of Italy.

Surviving are his wife, Betty, of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Helen Reimers of Richmond and Michelle Tejki of Auburn; two stepsons, Mark Medley of New Castle and Mike Medley of Colorado; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Geneva Benge; two brothers, Tony of Michigan and Joe of Richmond; one sister, Lucy Consolino Moore of Richmond; and a stepson, Paul Benge of Richmond.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, 710 N. A Street, Richmond. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home, 222 N. 10th St., Richmond.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler, IN 46721.

Marjorie Jacobus

AUBURN — Marjorie Delayne Jacobus, 86, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at 3:10 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Jacobus retired from Rieke Corp. in 1984 after 45 years of service. She also taught youth swimming classes at the Auburn YMCA for a number of years.

She graduated from Ashley High School in 1939 and was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 18, 1921, in Fairfield Township in DeKalb County to Hershel and Jennie (Hathaway) Pressler.

Surviving are four nephews, Scott, Roger, Roderick and Kevin Pressler; 10 great-nieces and nephews; and 13 great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Donald Pressler and Marlo Pressler; and a niece, Judith (Pressler) Hasselman.

In 1978, she arranged to donate her body to the Anatomical Education Program at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

There will be no calling. A memorial service will be held at Fairfield Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the Three Rivers Visiting Dog Club, 1937 Kendawa Drive, Suite 201, Fort Wayne, IN 46817, and to the Ashley United Methodist Church.

Robert Waltz

CLEAR LAKE — Robert W. Waltz, 94, of Clear Lake and formerly of the Montgomery, Mich., area, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility.

Mr. Waltz graduated from Montgomery High School and earned his master's degree at the University of Michigan. He had been a school teacher in both public schools and Amish schools.

He was a farmer and belonged to the Clear Lake Lions Club.

Mr. Waltz was born Sept. 27, 1913, in Montgomery to Charles and Bessie (Cook) Waltz.

Surviving are two sisters, Jean Hosier of Montgomery and Betty Reese of Columbus, Ohio, and one brother, Dan Waltz of Federal Way, Wash.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Marion Failing.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Clear Lake Baptist Church.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at George White Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Reading, Mich.

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Betty Baker

AVILLA — Betty Jean Baker, 82, of Avilla died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at her home in Avilla.

She graduated from Albion High School in Albion, Mich., and Mountain State Business College, Parkersburg, W.Va.

Mrs. Baker

Mrs. Baker was a legal secretary for 10 years with various agencies in Albion and Flint, Mich., and Tiffin, Ohio.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla where she was active in the Eve Circle and the United Methodist Women.

She was on the YMCA Board of Directors in Kendallville seven years and at Tiffin, Ohio, for four years. In Kendallville, she was the Mid-America Windmill Museum Board secretary for four years and served as a volunteer. She was active with the McCray Hospital Auxiliary as a volunteer and as a home health care volunteer. She belonged to the Elks Lodge Ladies Association.

Mrs. Baker was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout troop leader when she lived in Michigan. She was past president of the Parent/Teacher Association and organized the first Head Start Program in Concord, Mich.

Mrs. Baker will be remembered as dedicated mother, homemaker and a talented seamstress who made lots of clothing for her family. She enjoyed many hobbies, especially antique refinishing, chair re-caning, reupholstering furniture, stenciling and decoupage.

Mrs. Baker was born in Elkins, W.Va., on Jan. 6, 1926, to Martin Luther and Carrie Rebecca (Shobe) Daniels.

She married Russell Baker on June 12, 1948, in Albion, Mich. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Ann Baker of Newburg; a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Pete Lawrence of Ward, Colo.; and three grandchildren, Kyle Baker of Lexington, Ky., Holly Baker, a student at Butler University, and Deleana Baker of Ward.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Ralston Daniels; and a sister, Mary Parmesano.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Concord, Mich. Pallbearers will be Scott Baker, Kyle Baker, Pete Lawrence, Mack Borders, Dave Bash and Tammy Johnson. Honorary pallbearers will be Deleana Baker and Holly Baker.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Kendallville Windmill Museum Endowment Fund. Make checks payable to the Noble County Community Foundation/Windmill Museum Endowment Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lilly Rathert

AUBURN — Lilly Mae Rathert, 75, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Rathert was a homemaker. She was a member of the Women of the Moose of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 28, 1932, in Floyd County, Ky., to Hauley Hughes and Beatrice (Prater) Hicks. They both preceded her in death. She married Stanley W. Rathert on May 26, 1978, in Auburn. He preceded her in death Nov. 14, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Maynard and Barb Stephens of Willard, Ohio, and James R. Stephens of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Loretta Stephens and Naomi and Kevin Hoeppner, all of Auburn; one stepson, Kenneth Rathert of Auburn; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ramona Ousley, Sadie Chaffins and Evelyn Martin, all of Floyd County, Ky.; and one brother, Weddles Hicks of Floyd County.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Marlin Stephens; one daughter, Vernie Jean Tuttle; and two sisters, Betty Holden and Carol Lafferty.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Kathleen Sullivan

BRISTOL — Kathleen Kelly Sullivan, 53, of Bristol, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Sullivan was a teacher and spent numerous years in the Fort Wayne, South Bend and Elkhart areas teaching third- and fourth-graders.

She enjoyed walking her two dogs, planting flowers, writing to loved ones and volunteer work. She was a Big Sister for 10 years, earning the Big Sister of the Year Award in 1996. She devoted much time to Kiwanis and St. Virginia's Adult Basic Education and was a distinguished Toastmaster.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education at Indiana University in 1978 and a master of arts degree in elementary education and early childhood education at Ball State University in 1983.

She was born Nov. 20, 1954, in Garrett to John "Jack" and Jacqueline (Bowers) Kelly. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Bristol.

She married David Edward Sullivan on June 8, 1991, in Elkhart. He survives in Bristol.

Also surviving are three brothers, George, Vincent and James Kelly, all of Elkhart.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 411 W. Vistula, Bristol, with Father Bob VanKempen officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. at Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, 1531 Cobblestone Blvd., Elkhart.

Prayer services will take place Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Susan G. Komen For The Cure or Center for Hospice & Palliative Care.

John Parsons

BIRCHWOOD, Wis. — John L. Parsons, 53, of Birchwood died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake, Wis.

Mr. Parsons had been employed at County Line Cheese (Beatrice Foods) for 19 years.

After moving to Wisconsin, he owned and operated Parson's North Star Resort in Edgewater. He had also been employed through the Township of Edgewater since 1998.

He was born Aug. 1, 1954, in Angola to LaMont "Walt" and Vanessa (Keith) Parsons. They are deceased. He married Patty Robotka on July 2, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives in Birchwood.

Also surviving are five sons, Jeremy and Scott, both of Auburn, John and Cody, both of Birchwood, and Calvert of Rice Lake; three grandchildren, Hailey, Ryan and Caleb; a brother, Steve Parsons of Fremont; five sisters, Cheryl Schinbeckler of Henderson, Nev., Randy Collins of Auburn, Shelley Householder of Angola, Beth Goff of Lawrenceville, Ill., and Dawn of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Appleyard's Home for Funerals in Rice Lake.

Priscilla Koehlinger

FREMONT — Priscilla Elaine Koehlinger, 61, of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mrs. Koehlinger was a customer service representative at Northern Indiana Fuel and Light in Angola for 17 years, and worked at Verizon (GTE) for 18 years.

A graduate of Akron High School, she was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church and a former member of Beta Sigma Phi.

She was born March 16, 1946, in Warsaw to Donald J. and Patricia Anna (Rowland) Baker. They survive in Akron. She married Frederick Koehlinger Sr. on July 1, 1970. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Frederick Jr. and Lisa Koehlinger of Santa Rosa, Calif.; one daughter and son-in-law, Lyndra and Monte Yarger of Virginia Beach, Va.; three brothers, Jacob Baker of Wetumpka, Ala., Tom Baker of Claypool and Ted Baker of Warsaw; one sister, Pansy Jacobs of Warsaw; and four grandchildren, Tanya Barsi, Chelsea Yarger, Nicolette Koehlinger and Rachel Yarger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. Wayne St., Angola, with the Rev. Richard Doenges officiating. Burial will be at Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice.

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Dorothy Hunter

HOWE — Dorothy M. Hunter, 83, of Howe died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

In 1958, she moved to LaGrange County from Livonia, Mich. She and her husband were co-owners of Multi-Plex. She was a member of LaGrange First United Methodist Church and Tri-Kappa Mu Chapter.

Mrs. Hunter was born Oct. 27, 1924, in Detroit, Mich., to James W. and Matilda (Luxford) Orr. Both preceded her in death. She married George T. Hunter in Northville, Mich., on Oct. 20, 1945. He preceded her in death in 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gayle and Robert Radder of Elma, N.Y., and Nancy and Tim Barrows of Howe; a son, Bruce E. Hunter of Howe; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Ella and William Moore of Traverse City, Mich.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Kathleen Grumbaugh; a sister, Jean Kelly; and a brother, Robert J. Orr.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Donna Holcomb officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Betty Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Betty J. Zimmerman, 84, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Zimmerman

Mrs. Zimmerman was a member of Angola United Methodist Church for 55 years.

She was born Oct. 31, 1923, in Steuben County to Merle and Dessa (Morrison) Nisonger. She married Leo B. Zimmerman in 1956 and she preceded her in death on July 7, 1998. She married Richard Barnett of Angola in June 2003. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Nancy (Rodecap) Zimmerman of Troy, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Asa Harvey of Kokomo, Barbara and John Tatman of Whiteland and Cynthia and Terry Butz of Angola; three brothers, Jackson Nisonger of Fort Wayne, Lyle Nisonger of Homosassa, Fla., and Kenneth Nissonger of Lakeland, Fla.; two sisters, Lorene Cole and Wauneta Brown, both of Angola; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a husband and one grandchild.

A graveside memorial service will be Wednesday at the South Scott Cemetery at 11 a.m.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Rachel Marshall

GOSHEN — Rachel Anna (Driver) Marshall, 80, of Goshen died at 1:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at Greencroft Health Care Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Marshall was employed as a laboratory technician at the Bethel Deaconess Hospital in Newton, Kan., and at a public hospital in Greensburg, Kan., before volunteering at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital and establishing and operating the Mellon Foundation in Haiti. She worked in public health clinics in Denver, Colo., before retiring.

Mrs. Marshall was awarded the Volunteer Physician of the Year in 1994. She moved to this area in 2005.

Mrs. Marshall was born Aug. 19, 1927, in Newton, Kan., to Daniel Demuth and Cora Jeanette (Schrock) Driver. She married Edgar A. Marshall in 1979.

Surviving are three brothers and two sisters-in-law, John H. and Bonny Driver of Goshen, Donald R. Driver of Albuquerque, N.M., and Vincent E. and Anne Driver of Hillsboro, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Services will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Meeting House at Greencroft, with the Rev. Margaret Sawatsky officiating.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Ilah Notestine's living faith was inspiration to others

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PIGEON RIVERFEST
MAYOR OF MONGO

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Longtime Mongo resident Ilah Notestine, 80, is pictured holding the trophy she received when she was named honorary Mayor of Mongo in September 2007. Notestine died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

BY WANDA YODER
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MONGO — Faith was a driving force in the life of Ilah Notestine, Mongo's honorary mayor.

The village of Mongo will miss her work in the church and community. Notestine died Thursday, Jan. 24.

Notestine's devotion to God and her church, Mongo United Methodist, grew as she matured. She played the church piano and became the church's minister of music and historian. She also served as a lay leader and member of the Mongo Methodist Women.

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Her expressions of her faith extended outside the church walls as well. She was well known for her work in the community, particularly through the Mongo Lions Club. She also will be remembered for her poetry.

"I remember most her smile and how you were the only person around when you were talking to her," said Jo Gunthorp of the Mongo Lions Club.

Staying true to her nature, Notestine spent most of her time talking about people other than herself, even when she received the Mayor of Mongo honors. Notestine, who turned 80 in December, said she felt honored to receive such an award and couldn't say enough about the town of Mongo.

"It's nice it all happened," she said at the time. "I love Mongo and will do anything to make plans the way they want it. This was the first time I have ever ridden on the back of a convertible. It has been a blessing to have been a part of all of this."

At the time of her Mayor of Mongo interview, Notestine shared she had recently received a letter from a Christian girlfriend saying that her Christian faith was based on lessons Notestine taught in choir — lessons that she had shared with others.

Notestine had cancer surgery May 31. Doctors removed part of her jawbone. She explained in September that she felt good and was happy to not have had radiation or chemotherapy.

"Life has a lot of change. You learn to swing with it," Notestine said.

When she was 20, her family moved to LaGrange County. In August 1951 she married Hildon Notestine in a ceremony at Mongo United Methodist Church. Hildon was a firefighter. He died while sitting in a fire truck in July 1997.

When the young couple first started attending the Mongo church, only 17 members attended. Notestine started a choir and played the piano, performing solos and singing with the choir over the years.

"Her choir, the church and her family meant everything to her," her daughter, Gloria Preston of LaGrange, said.

In her younger days, Notestine drove a school bus for Mongo High School. Many in the area remember how she touched their lives. Some remember that, because of her short stature, the gas pedal had a block on it so she could reach the gas pedal and how she would visit schools teaching songs of the nation such as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful."

Penny Hendrix of San Diego, Calif., said her grandmother always made her feel special.

"I have been away from home for over 20 years and still I received letters from Ilah once and sometimes three times a week. She kept me connected and close to my hometown. She made sure that I always new what was happening — when someone married, when a baby was born, someone was ill or the passing of someone in the community," she said.

"Her love of history was a big part of our upbringing. I believe she was a spiritual warrior and warrior for our nation. She loved our country so much," said Hendrix, who added that her 11-year-old daughter, Amanda, was to write a speech on how she would change the world. "If I were to change the world, I would give everyone my grandmother," she said.

At the Sunday worship service following her death last week, Notestine's piano remained silent and empty. The songs were sung a capella. Her choir robe was draped over the piano in her honor, and during the service each family member placed a rose in an empty vase at the piano in her honor.

At her funeral on Monday, the cherished Mayor of Mongo banner she received in September adorned her casket. She was buried in a purple choir robe from the original choir that she began more than 50 years ago.

Included inside the memorial card was a note from Notestine's hand:

"I have graduated. Praise the Lord! I want my memorial service to proclaim victory. Death was not easy. We were not created for earth only ... We were made to soar. So when you hear I am gone, 'Sing!'"

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Earl Butz dies at 98

Former agriculture secretary born in Albion

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, and Albion native Earl L. Butz, 98, died Saturday morning in his sleep in Washington, D.C.

His death was announced during the Purdue Agriculture Alumni Association's annual fish fry in West Lafayette, an event Butz rarely missed.

Butz was one of the original five junior 4-H leaders in Indiana, all of whom came from Noble County. They were honored as grand marshals of the Noble County Community 4-H Fair several years ago, according to Jack Gaby, Noble County Fair Board member and parade chairman.

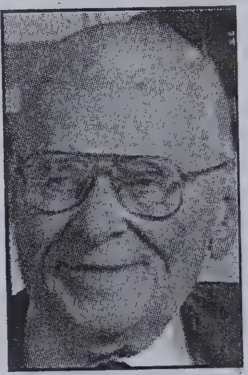
Gaby, 72, has been on the fair board since 1968, and farms about 100 acres near Albion with his son, Tim. Gaby remembers Butz as an outspoken leader for agriculture.

Noble County Extension director Doug Keenan was surprised to learn of Butz's death.

Keenan and Gaby joined other county 4-H leaders in serving a Groundhog Supper to the public at the fairgrounds Saturday night.

Keenan attended conferences where Butz was the guest speaker.

"He emphasized how much farm products were in the grocery cart. That was his big thing," Keenan said. He remembers how Butz supported agriculture, Indiana farmers



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BUTZ: *Agriculture secretary was featured speaker at Noble County 4-H Alumni Banquet*

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and Purdue University.

In April 2000, Butz was the featured speaker at the first Noble County 4-H Alumni Banquet held in the new log community building at the Noble County Fairgrounds in Kendallville. He helped Keenan present longtime 4-H leader, Don Goins of Rome City, with the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest honor, at the banquet. Keenan, who was Noble County's extension youth educator at the time, represented the late Gov. Frank O'Bannon in the presentation.

Butz credited Noble County's 4-H program for giving him the initial leadership training that eventually led him to a Cabinet post in Washington, D.C.

It was Noble County extension agent J.B. Cunningham who set Butz on the path he would follow the rest of his life. Cunningham urged Butz to visit Purdue University. Butz won a 4-H scholarship to Purdue.

Butz earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Purdue in 1932 and earned the university's first doctoral degree in agricultural economics in 1937.

Butz was dean of Purdue University's College of Agriculture from 1957 to 1967.

"He served Purdue well as a respected faculty member, department head and dean," said Randy Woodson, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture at Purdue.

"He was a tireless advocate for agriculture, and his efforts helped bring Purdue Agriculture into international prominence."

Wally Tyner, former agricultural economics department head, remembers Butz as a friend and mentor. "He always knew how to provide encouragement, and he thanked people for a job well done," Tyner said.

In his government posts, Butz was Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. from 1954 to 1957 under President Dwight Eisenhower. He was Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 to 1976 under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Controversy began swirling around Butz after President Nixon appointed him Secretary of Agriculture in 1971. He figured in public disputes ranging from foreign grain sales to high meat prices.

Butz was forced to resign his Cabinet post in October 1976 after telling an obscene joke that was derogatory to blacks. The slur was overheard by John Dean, former counsel to President Nixon, who was jailed in the Watergate scandal. Dean's report was published in Rolling Stone magazine.

Two years before telling the joke, Butz apologized to the Vatican after criticizing the Roman Catholic Church's stand on birth control by using a mock Italian accent while referring to the pope.

"Let's be honest, I'm controversial. I don't hesitate to speak my mind," he said at the time.

Butz maintained, during his career, that farmers should rely on a free market driven by exports and not federal subsidies.

He unsuccessfully campaigned for the Republican nomination for Indiana governor in 1968.

After leaving the Cabinet, he was named dean emeritus of Purdue's School of Agriculture. In 1999, Butz donated $1 million to Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics.

At the Noble County Alumni Banquet eight years ago, Butz learned that 850 young people were involved in Noble County 4-H programs.

"That's tremendous in a county like this," he said.

"They will become a part of that leadership class that is so scarce. I encourage you to keep it up."

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Earl Butz

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Earl L. Butz, 98, the outspoken U.S. agriculture secretary died Saturday morning.

Butz, an Albion native, was found dead in his bed at his son Bill's Washington, D.C. home. He had traveled to his son's home last week from his residence near West Lafayette for a visit and had been in poor health recently, said Randy Wootson, dean of Purdue University's College of Agriculture.

"He hadn't been in good health during his last week or so and had gone out there to spend time with his children," said Wootson.

His death was announced during the Purdue Agriculture Alumni Association's annual fish fry, an event at the West Lafayette campus Butz rarely missed.

"It's a big loss for Purdue and Indiana agriculture," he said.

The free-market advocate, a longtime dean of agriculture at Purdue University, had a relaxed and earthy style that won him acclaim as an after-dinner speaker but caused problems in his public life.

While in school in Noble County, Butz got involved in 4-H under the guidance of Noble County extension agent J.B. Cunningham. It was Cunningham who steered Butz to Purdue and Agriculture.

Butz was one of the first five junior 4-H leaders in Indiana, all of whom came from Noble County.

Butz earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Purdue in 1932. As a senior, he was editor of the student newspaper, The Purdue Exponent. He earned the first doctoral degree in agricultural economics awarded at Purdue in 1937.

Butz joined the staff in the Purdue Department of Agricultural Economics in 1937. He served as head of the department from 1946 to 1954. Butz was made dean of Purdue Agriculture in 1957 and served until 1967. He was dean of continuing education and vice president of the Purdue Research Foundation from 1968 to 1971.

He unsuccessfully campaigned for the Republican nomination for Indiana governor in 1968.

He was Assistant Secretary for Agriculture in Washington, D.C. from 1954 to 1957 under President Dwight Eisenhower, and was Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 to 1976 under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Butz maintained through his career that farmers should rely on a free market driven by exports and not federal subsidies.

As agricultural secretary, he drew the ire of unions and consumer groups when he worked out long-term agreements on the sale of grain to Eastern European nations and Japan. The sales led to a jump in grain prices at home and drew applause from famers who benefitted.

When world food prices soared in the 1970s, Butz drew the anger of environmentalists by urging farmers to plant from fence row to fence row. That policy resulted in vegetation along fence rows being plowed and planted and wetlands tiled and drained.

As ag secretary, Butz also proclaimed that farming "is now a big business" and that the family farm "must adapt or die" by expanding into large operations reliant on industrial pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

He was forced to resign his Cabinet post in October 1976 after telling an obscene joke that was derogatory to blacks.

After leaving the Cabinet, he was named dean emeritus of Purdue's School of Agriculture.

As a private citizen, Butz pleaded guilty in 1981 to federal charges of failing to report $148,000 of taxable income for 1978. He was sentenced to five years in prison and fined $10,000. Butz served 25 days in jail, however, as the judge commuted all but 30 days to probation and Butz got five days off for good behavior.

He traveled the world as a lecturer and consultant.

In 1999 Butz donated $1 million to Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct a reporter's errors and to add additonal information on survivors.*

Betty Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Betty J. Zimmerman, 84, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Zimmer-man was a member of Angola United Methodist Church for 55 years.

Mrs. Zimmerman

She was born Oct. 31, 1923, in Steuben County to Merle and Dessa (Morrison) Nisonger. She married Leo B. Zimmerman in 1956 and he preceded her in death on July 7, 1998. She married Richard Barnett of Angola in June 2003. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Nancy (Rodecap) Zimmerman of Troy, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Asa Harvey of Kokomo, Barbara and John Tatman of Whiteland and Cynthia and Terry Butz of Angola; three brothers, Jackson Nisonger of Fort Wayne, Lyle Nisonger of Homosassa, Fla., and Kenneth Nisonger of Lakeland, Fla.; three sisters, Lorene Cole, Wauneta Brown and Donna Green, all of Angola; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a husband and one grandchild.

A graveside memorial service will be Wednesday at the South Scott Cemetery at 11 a.m.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Earl Butz

Mr. Butz

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Services have been set for Earl L. Butz, 98, the outspoken U.S. agriculture secretary who died Saturday morning in Washington, D.C.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Federated Church in West Lafayette, Ind.

Calling will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the church's sanctuary.

Butz, an Albion native, was found dead in his bed at his son Bill's Washington, D.C., home. He had traveled to his son's home last week from his residence near West Lafayette for a visit and had been in poor health recently.

He was Assistant Secretary for Agriculture in Washington, D.C., from 1954 to 1957 under President Dwight Eisenhower, and was Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 to 1976 under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. He traveled the world as a lecturer and consultant.

Butz was one of the first five junior 4-H leaders in Indiana, all of whom came from Noble County.

In 2000 he was guest speaker at the first Noble County 4-H Alumni Banquet held in the new log community building at the Noble County Fairgrounds.

In his later years, Butz remained active in Purdue activities and spoke widely. He hosted his own radio program and worked for several farm-related businesses as a board member or consultant.

He was born July 3, 1909, and was raised on a 160-acre livestock farm in Noble County. His first eight years of education were in a one-room schoolhouse.

Butz married Mary Emma Powell from North Carolina in 1937, and they had two sons, Bill and Thomas. She preceded him in death in July 1995.

Memorials are to the church, 2400 Sycamore Lane, West Lafayette, IN, 47906 or to the Earl Butz Scholarship Fund at Purdue Agriculture Development, 715 W. State St., West Lafayette, IN, 47907.

Amanda Jurhs

Miss Jurhs

BRISTOL — Amanda Marie Jurhs, 14, died unexpectedly at 11:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Miss Jurhs was an eighth-grader at Pierre Moran Middle School in Elkhart where she was on the president's honor roll with a 4.0 grade point average.

She was a member of the National Junior Honor Society, River Oaks Community Church and the Elkhart Blaze Traveling Softball Team.

Miss Jurhs enjoyed playing the violin in the school orchestra, reading and spending time with her horse.

She was born Nov. 10, 1993, in Kendallville to Ronald and Lisa (Weible) Jurhs. They survives in Bristol.

Also surviving are two sisters, her twin, Kendra, and Rebekah, both at home; her grandparents, Willis Weible of Bristol, Jack and Barbara Jurhs of Centreville, Mich.; an uncle, Trent Weible of Bristol; and several aunts, other uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Nicholas; and a grandmother, Barbara Weible.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at First Church of God in LaGrange with student ministry Pastor Tommy Morelock officiating. Burial will be in Rogers Cemetery at LaGrange. Pallbearers will be Tom Stevens, Jack Jurhs, Bobby Shepherd, Trent Weible, Jason Weible, Matt Weible and Ryan Weible.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Carmilla Simmonds

STOW CREEK TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Carmilla K. "Candy" (Morton) Simmonds, 52, of Stow Creek Township, N.J., died Saturday afternoon, Feb. 2, 2008, at Jeanes Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., surrounded by her family.

A 1973 graduate of DeKalb High School, she was a homemaker, and her family was the center of her life. For more than nine years, she worked as a cashier in the cafeteria at Cumberland Regional High School and Upper Deerfield Township Schools in New Jersey.

Born in Montpelier, Ohio, she was the daughter of Howard J. and Mitzi Kay (Krathwohl) Morton, both of Auburn.

Also surviving are her husband of 30 years, Harry A. Simmonds; three daughters and a son-in-law, Heather E.K. and Joseph A. Pino of Winslow Township, N.J., and Tara A. Hayes and Crystal S. Simmonds, both of Stow Creek Township, N.J.; six grandchildren, Katrina E.K. Pino, Zayne J. Pino, Zander A. Pino, Arabella J. Pino, Shyla K. Hayes and Dylan R. Simmonds; a sister-in-law and her husband, Susan D. and Clint Silvers of North Carolina; and an uncle and aunt, Byron and Ellen Beck of Ohio.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Ralph O. Diehl officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Freitag Funeral Home, 137 W. Commerce St., Bridgeton, N.J.

Cremation and inurnment took place at Laurel Lawn Crematory in Upper Deerfield Township, N.J.

Memorials are to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Service, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202, or the Fox Chase Cancer Center, Office of Institutional Advancement, 333 Cottman Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-2497.

Condolences and tributes may be sent to the family at freitagfuneralhome.com.

William Kessler

CHURUBUSCO — William "Bill" Kessler, 84, of Churubusco died at 8:47 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at The Oaks in Columbia City. He had been in failing health for several months, and had entered the nursing home two weeks ago.

Mr. Kessler

Mr. Kessler moved to Smith Township as a child and spent most all of his adult life in the Collins and Blue Lake areas. He was a 1941 graduate of Churubusco High School.

He retired from the die casting department at General Electric in Fort Wayne after 43 years of service.

Mr. Kessler was a former member of the Churubusco Lions Club and past Lions district governor.

He enjoyed fishing, wintering in Mesa, Ariz., and loved spending time with his dog.

He was born in Auburn on March 22, 1923, to William and Mary May (Lippincott) Kessler.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Richard "Al" Fry of Columbia City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kent and Deb Kessler of Indianapolis and Randy and Karen Kessler of Fort Wayne; his former wife, Joan (Blanchard) Kessler of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters and six brothers.

There will be no services or calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

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Kathy Etheridge

ANGOLA — Kathy Lee Etheridge, 60, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at her home, after a brief struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Mrs. Etheridge

She was an employee of Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 28 years until its closing. She had recently retired.

She gradated from Fremont High School in 1965. She enjoyed being a mom and a Grandma ("Poopaw").

She was born April 24, 1947, in Angola to Kenneth and Willa (Burch) Drushal. Both survive. She married James Edward "Pete" Etheridge on July 4, 1965, in Fremont. He preceded her in death on May 18, 1995.

She is also survived by a daughter, Kelly J. Peppler of Angola; a son, Corbett J. Etheridge of Angola; two grandchildren, Hunter Peppler and Cassidy Green; a companion, Tom Erskine of Angola; and a sister and a brother-in-law, Deb and Lonnie Chiddister.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Charlene Etheridge, on June 11, 1991; and a sister, Laurice Drushal, on Sept. 23, 2001.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or to the family, care of Beams Funeral Home.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

James Berlew

BRONSON, Mich. — James R. Berlew, 67, of Bronson, Mich., died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County, in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Berlew had retired as a dock foreman at Consolidated Freight. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and studying the Civil War.

He was born Feb. 8, 1940, in Detroit, Mich., to Eugene and Helen (Lesch) Berlew. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff and Mary Berlew of Angola, and Mike Berlew of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Todd Hill of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Logan, Katie and Lukas Berlew, and Anna and Lauren Hill; a brother, Eugene Berlew of Houghton Lake, Mich.; and his former wife and mother of his children, Yvonne Berlew of Orland.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and an hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Mary Dibble

WATERLOO — Mary Jayne Dibble, 83, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at her daughter's home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Dibble

Mrs. Dibble worked for Lincoln Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1983. She was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Waves during World War II. She was a member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She volunteered at the hospital and the Curiosity Shop. She enjoyed playing golf, bowling and gambling.

She was born Sept. 21, 1924, in Bluffton to Oris and Harriet (Flannigan) Masterson. They preceded her in death.

She married Charles Dibble on June 26, 1946, in Florida. He died Aug. 26, 1982.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Dibble of Quito, Ecuador, and Bill Dibble and Sherry Lemp of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Maynard Hine of Waterloo and Pat and Jim Stoops of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Masterson.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

Betty Harter

LAGRANGE — Betty L. Harter, 73, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She moved to LaGrange in 1968 from Sturgis, Mich.

She was a custodian, retiring from the LaGrange County Courthouse.

She was born on Oct. 3, 1934, in St. Joseph County, Mich., to Sidney Markley Jr. and Rena (Nelson) Markley.

Surviving are a daughter, Belinda L. Harter of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence S. and Joy Harter of LaGrange and Richard D. and Lisa Harter of LaGrange; a stepgrandchild; two sisters, Ruth Larson of Hockley, Texas, and Julie Baldwin of Shipshewana; and a brother, James Markley of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jerry Harter in 1998; a sister, Maxine Markley; and three brothers, Sidney Markley Jr., Robert Markley and DeWayne Markley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Opper

AUBURN — Elizabeth A. "Betsy" Opper, 45, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Opper

Mrs. Opper was self-employed. She was an avid fisherman and loved gardening. She coached youth league girls basketball, girls softball and boys baseball. She was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge.

She was born Sept. 21, 1962, in Auburn.

She married Ingemar "Dobie" Opper on Oct. 23, 1999, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Patricia and Larry Rothenhofer of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Dave and Jane Carroll of Cape Canaveral, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Michael Medina of Auburn; five sons, Eric Stoy of Ashley and Logan Opper, Kyle Opper, Kory Opper and Nolan Opper, all of Auburn; three grandchildren, Trae Minnich, Apollo Medina and Syerra Opper; her grandmother, Ruth Farrington of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Laura and Steve Warner of Westfield; and two stepsisters, Jill Sherlock and her husband, Kevin, of Columbus, and Cyndi Fremion of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Douglas Rothenhofer.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Juanita Jarrett

LOVELAND, Colo. — Juanita Cordelia Jarrett, 82, of Loveland died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Jarrett was a homemaker and had worked as a clerk for the post office in Longmont.

She had lived in Greeley from 1943 to 1945, in Longmont from 1979 to 1992. She had lived in Loveland since 1992.

Mrs. Jarrett enjoyed bowling and spending time with her family.

She was born Jan. 4, 1926, in Red Feather Lakes, Colo., to Reuben and Cora (Cain) Buckendorf. She married Alton L. Jarrett on June 30, 1943, at Gowen Air Force Base in Boise, Idaho. He preceded her in death on April 21, 2007.

Surviving are two sons and daughter-in-law, Alton "Ted" Jarrett II and his wife, Gayle, of Broomfield, Colo., and Jerald and Frankie Jarrett of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter, Sherryll "Lynnie"' Harrison of Alpharetta, Ga.; daughters-in-law, Bonnie Jarrett of Crocker, Miss., and Christina Jarrett of Sikeston, Mo.; a brother, Larry Buckendorf of Longmont; three sisters, Ruby Spignesi of Sacramento, Calif., Joyce Kesler of Longmont and Dianna Marston of Milpitas, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, James Jarrett and Timothy Jarrett; two sisters, Beulah Lander and Violet Langley; and two brothers, Stephen Buckendorf and Alfred Buckendorf.

Services were today at Viegut Funeral Home in Loveland.

Memorials are to Hospice of Larimer County in care of Viegut Funeral Home, 1616 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland, Colo. 80538.

Geneva Fink

LAGRANGE — Geneva Fink, 71, of LaGrange died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

James Berlew

BRONSON, Mich. — James R. Berlew, 67, of Bronson, Mich., and formerly of Orland, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County, in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Berlew had retired as a dock foreman at Consolidated Freight. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and studying the Civil War. He had lived in Orland for most of his life.

He was born Feb. 8, 1940, in Detroit, to Eugene and Helen (Lesch) Berlew. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff and Mary Berlew of Angola, and Mike Berlew of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Todd Hill of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Logan, Katie and Lukas Berlew, and Anna and Lauren Hill; a brother, Eugene Berlew of Houghton Lake, Mich.; and his former wife and mother of his children, Yvonne Berlew of Orland.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and an hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Crash kills Waterloo man

Victim was psychiatrist at Northeastern Center

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WATERLOO — A rural Waterloo man died early this morning in a one-vehicle crash near his home, DeKalb County Police said.

Francis M. Cyran, M.D., 56, of the 2100 block of C.R. 27, Waterloo, died as a result of head and facial trauma, according to a news release.

Cyran, a psychiatrist, is listed on a Web site as a staff member of the Northeastern Center mental health agency, with an office in Angola.

"It is truly a tragedy, and I am sure he touched many a life in a positive way," said Carl Zimmerman, president of the Northeastern Center board of directors. "We will certainly miss his services."

Cyran's 1996 Ford Explorer hit a utility pole at 2:14 a.m. in the 2300 block of C.R. 27, just north of U.S. 6 and about one-half mile south of his home.

Police said Cyran was driving northbound when his sport-utility vehicle went off the right side of C.R. 27. He apparently overcorrected and lost control of the vehicle.

The Explorer slid sideways, crossing the road and striking a utility pole on the west side of the roadway. Police said Cyran was pronounced dead at the scene.

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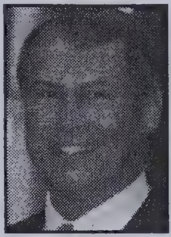
David Miller

CARMEL — David "Scott" Miller, 56, of Carmel died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008.


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970 and received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Valparaiso University in 1974. He was employed most recently as a senior project executive for Pepper and Turner Construction Companies.

He was an avid Colts fan, a lover of jazz music and had a passion for the adoption of retired racing greyhounds.

Mr. Miller was a charter member of Carmel Lutheran Church, where he served on numerous boards and committees over the years.

He was born Dec. 1, 1951, in Napoleon, Ohio, to David and Ruth (Arnos) Miller.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Betty Anne (Miksad) Miller; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Dave Kuc of Carmel and Tracey and Logan Schwartz of Austin, Texas; his parents, Dave and Ruth Miller of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Denise Miller; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Bill McLaughlin, Sandi and Mike Kramer and Lisa and Mark Sutton; three grandchildren, Katie and Austin Kuc and Peyton Schwartz; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Carmel Lutheran Church, with burial following in Carmel Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Leppert Mortuary, Smith Carmel Chapel.

Visit www.leppertmortuary.com to share a memory, sign a guest book or make a memorial contribution to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Suite 146, Des Plaines, IL 60018 or Lutheran Disability Ministries, 4038 S. Ridgeview Road, Anderson, IN 46013.

Golda South

BUTLER — Golda M. Jones South, 93, of Butler died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. South

Mrs. South retired from Universal Tool and Stamping. She owned her own ceramic shop and enjoyed making dolls and working in ceramics. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Waterloo to William and Edna (Bunce) Easterday.

She married Dan E. Jones on June 10, 1937, in Brookville. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1970.

She married Robert South on May 20, 1970, in De Tour Village, Mich. He died Dec. 8, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nathalie and Richard Obendorf of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeri and Carol Jones of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Carol Jones of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Sunda Obendorf of Hobart, Mary Welker of Butler, Jeff Jones of Butler, Michael Jones and his wife, Teresa, of Payne, Ohio, and Jennifer Wirts and her husband, Tim, of Payne; two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Taylor Welker of Butler; and a sister, Mildred Herrick of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jon Jones; two brothers, Cal and Willard Easterday; and a sister, Thelma Taylor.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler, with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Lancelot Brown

FORT WAYNE — Lancelot Bernard Brown, 67, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Hicksville, Ohio, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown retired from Dana Axle Division in Fort Wayne. He was a Golden Age Eagle member of Aerie 2556 and was an avid fisherman who had many friends. He was a 1958 graduate of Hicksville High School.

He was born July 14, 1940, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Bernard A. and Clara M. (Meyer) Brown. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Dewey Harris of Auburn; a son, Larry J. Brown of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters, Paige A. Whittig of Auburn and Jamie L. Brown of Fort Wayne; a great-grandson, Brady Zuker of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Terry of Hicksville, Gary of St. Paris, Ohio, and Mike of Defiance, Ohio; four sisters, Pat Grooms of Sarasota, Fla., Diane Brickel of Hicksville, Mary Malmstrom of Waynesville, N.C., and Cindy Curry of Hicksville; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. at the Hicksville Fraternal Order of Eagles, Edgerton Street, Hicksville.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Wilma Hess

FORT WAYNE — Wilma L. Hess, 82, formerly of Avilla died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hess was a cook with Southwest Allen County Schools for 21 years, retiring in 1992.

A native of Huntertown, she was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

She loved spending time with her family and reading.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David E. and Charlene Hess of Fort Wayne, Thomas C. and Jean Hess of Wolcottville, and Steven J. and Janice Hess of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan K. and Dennis Geisleman of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Samuel Shank of Avilla, Cecil Shank Jr. of Albion, and Kenneth Shank and John Shank, both of St. Joe; and five sisters, Ara Jean Knapp of Antwerp, Ohio, Judy Snyder of Hicksville, Ohio, Marcille Woodbury of Charlotte, Mich., Jerron Edsall of Kimmell and Faye Ann Ries of LaOtto.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil D. and Irene Moran Shank; her husband, Carl E. Hess in 2006; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with Pastor Thomas Eggold officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Teresa Bassett

IRVINE, Calif. — Teresa Bassett, 92, of Irvine and formerly of Kendallville died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, in Irvine.

Mrs. Bassett had moved to California from Indiana in 1945. She and her husband owned and operated a custom business furniture manufacturing company in Whittier, Calif.

She was a homemaker and bookkeeper.

Mrs. Bassett was the daughter of Vincent and Josephine Stoeckley. She married Russell Bassett of South Milford in 1939.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Katalin Bassett; a daughter and son-in-law, Emilie and Jeff Mason; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Beatrice Stoeckley of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a son, Edward; and a great-grandson, Beau.

Remembrances may be sent to Friends of the Bassett Memorial Library, P.O. Box 2008, Wawona, CA 95389.

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Geneva Fink

LAGRANGE — Geneva L. Fink, 71, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fink

Mrs. Fink worked for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space in Sunnyvale, Calif., retiring in September 1993 after 25 years of service.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. She liked playing card games, Phase 10 and Yahtzee. She was a fan of the Indianapolis Colts and enjoyed watching "The Young and the Restless" and the Gameshow Network on TV.

Mrs. Fink was born in Hindman, Ky., on June 14, 1936, to Joe and Ella Mae (Perkins) Sutton. She married Eldred V. Fink on July 18, 1988, in Reno, Nev. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Penny Hamman of Kendallville; a daughter; Sheryl Ritchie of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Amy and Troy Soderstrum of Clear Lake, Calif., Christina Rogers of Davis, Calif., Jessica Hamman of Kendallville and Elizabeth Hamman of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Delmer and Bonnie Sutton of South Milford; three sisters-in-law; Evelyn and Ernest Klassen of Dinuba, Calif., Virginia and Fred Seher of Ashcroft, British Columbia, and Lois Hansen of Pinedale, Calif.; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by parents; a sister, Imojene Owen; a brother, Elmer Sutton; and a son-in-law, Larry Ritchie.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Diener

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Mary Diener, 88, of White Pigeon died at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at Heartland Home in Three Rivers where she had been a resident since Dec. 17, 2007.

Mrs. Diener

Mrs. Diener had lived in the White Pigeon area since 1965. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Diener enjoyed sewing and quilting. She was a member of Riverview Mennonite Church.

She was born April 8, 1919, in Arthur, Ill., to Joel and Lizzie (Gingerich) Beachey. She married Henry Diener on Dec. 23, 1937, in Arthur. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Anna and Paul Yoder of Harrisonburg, Va., Verna Townsend of San Jose, Calif., and Mary and Jim Sutter of Clarksville, Mich.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Eugene and Gloria Diener and Jerry Diener, all of Harrisonburg, Va., and Ron and Marylyn Diener of Austin, Texas; 12 grandchildren; four sisters, Fannie Mast, Lavina Beachey, Clara Schrock and Lizzie Ann Miller, all of Arthur; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Louis and Dorothy Beachey of Decatur and Elmer Beachey of Mahomet, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a great-grandson; three sisters, Sarah Schrock, Verna Kauffman and Katie Stutzman; and two brothers, Alvin and Jake Beachey.

Services were today in White Pigeon and at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Arthur, Ill. Burial will be in Sunnyside Mennonite Church Cemetery with her grandchildren serving as pallbearers.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the church in Arthur.

Memorials are to Golden Rod at Middlebury or Pleasant View Homes in Harrisonburg, Va.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Blaine Cripe

BUTLER — Blaine A. Cripe, 46, of Butler died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at his home.

He formerly worked at Halex in Hamilton.

He was born Oct. 18, 1961, in Garrett to Charles R. Cripe and Roszella (Rottger) Slaughter. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three brothers and a sister-in-law, Kenneth Cripe and Stanley Cripe, both of Homer, La., and Charles and Teresa Cripe of Winchester, Va.; and a sister, Christina Skinner of Camden, Ark.

There are no services.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-6 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

John Rinehold

ANGOLA — John A. Rinehold, 42, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at his home in Angola.

He was born in Auburn.

Surviving are a son, Michael Rinehold of Columbia City; a daughter, Cathy Rinehold of Albion; his mother, Dolene Fisher of Angola; a brother, Jeffery Rinehold of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Rayne, Alyssa, Iziah and Trenadee.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Eva Mommur, and father, Amos Rinehold.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling from 1-2 p.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

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Erma J Hulbert, 76

AUBURN — Erma J. Hulbert, 76, formerly of Butler died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Hulbert retired from Tri-Wall after 20 years of service.

She was born Sept. 2, 1931, in Defiance, Ohio, to Floyd and Laverne (Weaner) Rickerd.

She married Glen Hulbert on Feb. 6, 1954, in Butler. He died March 13, 1991.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert and Nan Hulbert of Butler, Duane Hulbert of Waterloo, Steven and Kathy Hulbert of St. Joe and William and Cathy Hulbert of Butler; three daughters and a son-in-law, Marsha and Ken Henry of Avilla, Carolyn Trowbridge of Edon, Ohio, and Darlynne Hulbert of Auburn; three brothers, Calvin Rickerd of Chicago, Jim Rickerd of South Carolina and Rick Rickerd of Angola; four stepbrothers, Arlie Hulbert of Fort Wayne, Lloyd Hulbert of Hamilton, Darrell Hulbert of Butler and Ronald Hulbert of Butler; a stepsister, Lola Rickerd of Chicago; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Esther Hulbert, and three stepbrothers, Olen, Loren and Carl Hulbert.

Services were February 4, 2008 at the Butler Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Matthew Snodderly officiating. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Homer O. "Dick" Shaffer, 84

MERRIAM – Homer O. "Dick" Shaffer, 84, a lifelong resident of Merriam, died at 9:40 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where he was admitted on Jan. 25.

Born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 25, 1923, a son of Olen W. and Mary A. (Carter) Shaffer. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School and International Business College.

On April 29, 1945, he was united in marriage to Beulah M. Harding. They moved to their present home in Merriam in 1949.

He owned and operated O.W. Shaffer & Son which was later renamed Shaffer Equipment, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, and a charter member of Quiet Birdmen Organization since December 1958.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 62 years, Beulah; two sons, Richard E. "Ed" Shaffer of Churubusco and John R. Shaffer of Tri Lakes; two grandsons and a sister, Agnes Hartman of Fort Wayne.

The funeral service was Sunday at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, 3985 S. U.S. 33, with the Rev. Terry Zolman, church pastor, officiating. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Smith and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Bette Stringfellow, 70

MIDDLEBURY – Bette A. Stringfellow, 70 of Middlebury died at 10:45 a.m. Monday, January 28, 2008, at her home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Stringfellow had lived in the Fort Wayne area most of her life.

She had been a secretary and taught astrology at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

She was born January 7, 1938, in Noble County to Lester Mike and Alma (Dukes) Faulkner. She married Thomas H. Stringfellow on September 7, 1957, in Noble County. He died September 2005.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kerry (Laura) Stringfellow of Middlebury and Thomas (Sonia) Stringfellow of Elkhart; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Faulkner.

There will be no services. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Hicks, 83

BRIMFIELD – Ruby Hicks, age 83, of Brimfield, passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Yukon, West Virginia on December 1, 1924 to Vernie Blevins, Sr. and Beatrice (Delph) Blevins. Her parents preceded her death.

She married Raven Hicks, Sr. on June 19, 1943 in West Virginia and he preceded her death April 6, 1979.

She was employed with Monsanto in Ligonier from 1959 until 1987 when she retired.

Mrs. Hicks enjoyed spending time with her family, quilting, crocheting and traveling. She also loved to play bingo and being outdoors, tending to her flower and vegetable gardens.

Survivors include: two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda (Charles) Johnson of London, Kentucky and Carol (Carl) Pulver of Albion.; son and daughter-in-law, Raven (Omah) Hicks, Jr. of Ligonier; son, Herbert Franklin "Frank" Hicks of Cromwell; two daughters, Patsi Hicks of Falls Church, Virginia; 15 grandchildren: Chuck and Stacey Johnson, Charity Hicks, Penny Hicks, Kenny and Jessica Hicks and Tammy Hicks, Christopher and Shannon Hicks-Cespedes, Brandon and Nichelle Pulver, Jenifer Pulver, Tasha and Shawn Rasler, Brock and Sarah Pulver, Dustin Pulver, Nathan Pulver, Trevor Pulver, Austin Pulver, and Katie Pulver; 15 great grandchildren; three sisters, Deloris Davis of Roanoke, Virginia and Ethel Carica of Virginia; three brothers, Tom Blevins of Roanoke, Virginia; Vernie Blevins, Jr. of Albion and Ernest Blevins of Reno, Nevada.

She was also preceded in death by one great grandson, Alexander Matthew McBride; two sisters, Catherine Bolen and Mildred Brewer; and two brothers, Bennie Blevins and Lundy Blevins.

Funeral Services were Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred Memorials may be made to The Magic Foundation or to the CARES Foundation.

View a video tribute (after Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Martha E. Lindsey, 94

DUNEDIN, FL. — Martha E. (Gandy) Lindsey, 94, of Dunedin died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at Meese Dunedin Hospital.

Mrs. Lindsey was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and Methodist School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Elkhart Memorial Hospital in Elkhart and at Lakeview (McCray) Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Lindsey had been a member of Tri Kappa and Methodist Women. She served as matron at the Noble County Jail from 1959 to 1967 while her husband, Russell, served as Noble County sheriff.

She and her husband retired to Houghton Lake, Mich., and operated a summer resort for 20 years. They then moved to Florida.

She was born Oct. 5, 1913, on the family homestead next to Merriam Christian Chapel Church in Merriam to Ora and Victoria (Anspaugh) Gandy. She married Russell Lindsey on Oct. 5, 1938. He died June 7, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Victoria "Vicki" Lindsey of Dunedin, Fla., and Judith "Jill" Leatherman of Albion; two grandsons, Scott and Mindy Leatherman of Columbia City and Dustin Leatherman of Albion; a granddaughter, Lindsey Leatherman of Indianapolis; two great-grandsons, Colby and Evan Leatherman; a sister-in-law, Alberta Bandy of Elkhart; six nieces: and a nephew.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas "Tom" Lindsey on May 23, 2003; three sisters, Orpha Harris, Mary Winebrenner and Loena Surfus; a brother, Colby Gandy; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Jan. 18 at Curlew United Methodist Church in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Burial was at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to Curlew United Methodist Church, 2210 Cathedral Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34683.

John A. Rinehold, 42

ANGOLA– John A. Rinehold, 42, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2008 at his home in Angola.

He was born in Auburn, the son of Amos and Dolene Rinehold.

Survivors include: one son, Michael Rinehold of Columbia City; one daughter, Cathy Rinehold of Albion; his mother, Dolene Fisher of Angola; one brother, Jeffery Rinehold of Fort Wayne and grandchildren, Rayne, Alyssa, Iziah and Trenadee.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Eva Mommur and his father Amos Rinehold.

Services were held February 6, 2008 at D.O McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne with the burial taking place at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Harold E. Emerick, 77

FORT WAYNE — Harold E. Emerick, 77, of Lake of the Woods died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008.

Mr. Emerick was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of American Legion Post 423.

Surviving are his wife, Joan; a daughter, Sandra K. Emerick of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Nancy Emerick of Columbia City; five grandchildren; a great-grandson; a brother, Don Emerick of Hoagland; and a sister, Elva Hammond.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ray Emerick.

Services were Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home, Health & Hospice.

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Betty Jean Baker, 82

AVILLA – Betty Jean Baker, age 82, of Avilla died on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at home in Avilla.

Mrs. Baker was born in Elkins, West Virginia on January 6, 1926 to Martin Luther Daniels and Carrie Rebecca (Shobe) Daniels.

She graduated from Albion High School in Albion, Michigan and Mountain State Business College, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

She married Russell Baker on June 12, 1948 in Albion, Michigan.

Mrs. Baker was a legal secretary for 10 years with various agencies in Albion and Flint, Michigan and Tiffin, Ohio.

She was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla where she was active in the Eve Circle and the United Methodist Women.

She was on the YMCA Board of Directors in Kendallville 7 years and Tiffin, Ohio for 4 years.

She was the Mid-America Windmill Museum Board secretary for four years and volunteer.

She was active with the McCray Hospital Auxiliary as a volunteer and as a home health care volunteer.

She belonged to the Elks Lodge Ladies Association.

In the past, Betty was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout troop leader when she lived in Michigan.

She was past president of the Parent/Teacher Association and organized the first Head Start Program in Concord, Michigan.

Betty was a very talented seamstress and she made lots of clothes for her family.

She enjoyed many hobbies especially antique refinishing, chair re-caning, reupholstering furniture, stenciling, decoupage. Above all the activities and interests, she was first and foremost a dedicated mother and homemaker for her family.

Survivors include: spouse of 59 1/2 years, Russell Baker of Avilla; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Ann Baker of Newburg, Indiana; daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Pete Lawrence of Ward, Colorado; three grandchildren: Kyle Baker of Lexington, Kentucky; Holly Baker a student at Butler University; and Deleana Baker of Ward.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ralston Daniels; and sister, Mary Parmesano.

Funeral Services were Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery in Concord, Michigan.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Kendallville Windmill Museum Endowment Fund.

Make checks payable to the Noble County Community Foundation /Windmill Museum Endowment Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Indiana 46767.

Casketbearers were Scott Baker, Kyle Baker, Pete Lawrence, Mack Borders, Dave Bash, and Tammy Johnson.

Honorary bearers were Deleana Baker and Holly Baker.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Dr. Earl L. Butz, 98

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. -- Former Secretary of Agriculture and Dean of Purdue University's College of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz, died in his sleep at the home of his son in Washington, D.C., Purdue announced Saturday, February 2, 2008. He was 98.

"He was a tireless advocate for agriculture and his efforts helped bring Purdue Agriculture into international prominence," said Randy Woodson, Dean of Agriculture at Purdue, in a news release from the university Saturday.

Butz was born July 3, 1909 to Herman and Ada (Lower) Butz on the family's 160-acre farm northwest of Albion, Indiana in northern York Township, Noble County.

His early education was at Pleasant Hill School, a one-room school building near his home. He graduated in 1927 from Wawaka High School. At the time of his death, Butz was the school's oldest surviving alumni.

Butz had the distinction of being one of the first five 4-H Junior Leaders in Indiana - all of them from Noble County. It was his 4-H successes that paved the way for a 4-H scholarship to Purdue University.

Butz earned a bachelors of science degree in agriculture from Purdue in 1932 and earned the first doctoral degree in agricultural economics awarded at Purdue in 1937. He served as head of the department from 1946 to 1954.

Butz was Assistant Secretary of Agriculture under President Dwight Eisenhower from 1954 to 1957.

He was Dean of Agriculture at Purdue University from 1957 to 1967. He was Dean of Continuing Education and Vice President of the Purdue Research Foundation from 1968 to 1971.

Butz was unsuccessful in his bid for the Republican nomination for Governor of Indiana in 1968.

From 1971 to 1976, Butz was Secretary of Agriculture under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Butz, known for his quick wit and storytelling that at times got him in trouble publicly, remained a popular international public speaker on agricultural topics and in Republican circles even after he resigned his Cabinet post.

After leaving the Cabinet, he was named Dean Emeritus of Purdue's School of Agriculture.

In 1999, Butz donated $1 million to Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics.

He married Mary Emma Powell from North Carolina in 1937. They met in 1930 at the National 4-H Camp in Washington D.C. She died in July 1995.

Surviving are two sons, William (Vickie) Butz of Washington, D.C. and Thomas (Mary Lynne) of Santa Cruz, California; six grandchildren, Michael Reiss Butz and his wife Gabriela; Rebecca Marie Butz Williamson and her husband Kerry; David Powell Butz and his wife April; Matthew McNeil Butz; Lindsey Hollmann and Marissa Hollmann. Two great-grandchildren also survive: Daniel Hanta Butz and Ella Renee Butz. Also surviving is one brother-in-law, Wilbur Buffenbarger of Columbia City, Indiana, one brother-in-law and sisiter-in-law, Frank and Mary Powell of Turkey, North Carolina, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Butz was preceded in death by two brothers, Verlo Butz and Dale Butz, and two sisters Ruth (Wilbur) Buffenbarger and Marie (Robert) Howard.

Visitation will be February 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Federated Church in West Lafayette, Ind. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Federated Church, 2400 Sycamore Lane, West Lafayette, IN 47906 or the Earl Butz Scholarship Fund at Purdue University.

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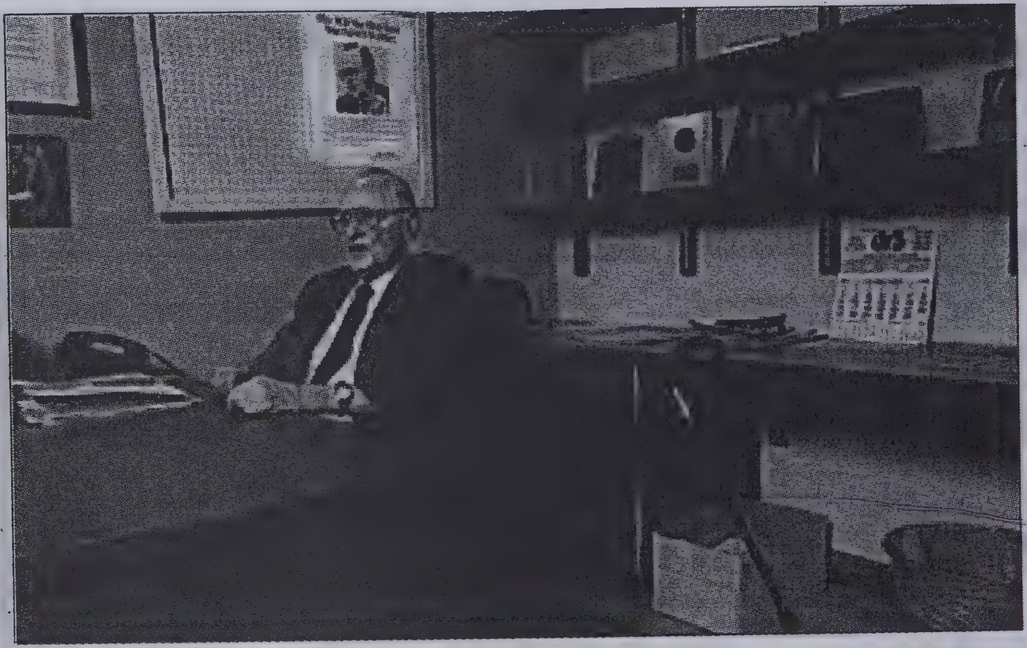

Dr. Butz at his desk. (Photo from Purdue University archives)

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by Joy LeCount

There is an irony to Earl L Butz' passing early Saturday, February 2, 2008. It was during a week proclaimed by officials as "4-H Week in Noble County."

4-H was fairly new in the United States when Earl was born on July 3, 1909 on a livestock farm in York Township, Noble County. Eventually, Earl enrolled in 4-H and excelled in its programs.

It was at the first Noble County 4-H Alumni gathering held April 15, 2000 that Butz made his last public appearance in Noble County. He was the keynote speaker of the event.

Doug Keenan, then Extension Agent-Youth, introduced Butz, who was one of the first 4-H Junior Leaders in Indiana.

"When I called last November to ask Earl if he would speak tonight, he asked about the motivation behind the evening," Keenan said in his introductory comments. "I told him about the 4-H Endowment Fund."

"Oh, you are going to shake them down, huh?" was Butz' reply.

At 90, Butz used a cane to steady himself, but he still exhibited the same quick wit for which he was famous.

"If it hadn't been for 4-H, I wouldn't have had the career I have had," Butz told the audience.

"I was offered two scholarships after I graduated from Wawaka High School. I almost took the one from I.U." Butz said as he wiped his brow with a handkerchief as if to say "Whew, glad I didn't make that blunder!"

It was J. B. Cunningham, Noble County's first extention agent, who urged Butz to visit Purdue University and talk with the Dean of the School of Agriculture. Butz attended Purdue on a 4-H scholarship. He eventually became a professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue, then Dean of the School of Agriculture, and retired as Dean Emeritus. From 1971-76 he served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

It was also Cunningham who recognized the importance of leadership training for rural youth in Noble County. He organized some of the experienced 4-H members as Junior Leaders. Butz, Raymond Stump, Paul Schermerhorn, Howard Harper, and Orris Gerren - all from Noble County - became the first 4-H Junior Leaders in Indiana. The 4-H Junior Leader program continues today.

During his comments that April evening in 2000, Butz said, "All people in the world can be divided into three categories: Leaders, laborers and loafers. The number in the loafer group is increasing."

"There are 15 million people on food stamps in the United States. That's ridiculous," Butz stated. "The program is so generous that a black market has developed for selling food stamps."

"I wish we had that old work ethic again. We need more calloused hands like some of those I shook tonight," Butz continued.

Butz complemented those responsible for the success of the 4-H program in Noble County, which then involved approximately 850 youths and many adult volunteers.

"We have done a great job in America," Butz said, referring to agriculture production. "We feed our nation on about 18 percent of its take home pay. That leaves 82 percent to purchase other things. The cost of getting a college education isn't the cost of food — it's the cost of parking the car!"

Recalling an earlier time in Noble County, Butz remarked about the Gold Medal awards for corn production. "Back then, 50-bushel-an-acre corn would have qualified for a Gold Medal. Now, 150-bushel corn is considered average production."

Technological advances have made it possible for American agriculture to produce high quality, cheap food, according to Butz. That has been partly responsible for placing the nation in its role as a world power. "It has given us priority in world politics."

"The world will always need a policeman, because there will always be a Hitler or Mussolini — someone like that rising up if you give them a chance."

(This comment was almost prophetic because it was only 17 months later on September 11, 2001 that terrorists struck the World Trade Center and the U.S. Pentagon.)

Butz cautioned America

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to use food as a positive political force. "The world population continues to explode. I want them to remain peaceful, and the only way that can happen is for them to be well fed. That falls on your shoulders — right here in Noble County."

That night, Butz ended his brief comments with a short piece entitled, "Two Seas."[1]

The Sea of Galilee, at the top of the River Jordan gives up its water. This sea is alive and fish abound in its waters. At the lower end of the River Jordan is the Dead Sea, so named because the water is so salty that life cannot exist. The Dead Sea keeps the River Jordan, not giving up its water.

This piece illustrated his final point — the difference between people who give of their talents, their time, and their resources to help others, and those who selfishly hoard their talents and resources for themselves. The 4-H program encourages the positive uses of ones talents.

Although Butz traveled the world as a lecturer and consultant, and in later years hosted his own radio program and worked for several farm-related businesses as a board member or consultant, his early background mirrors many from his era - a farm boy who attended a one-room school for the first eight years of his formal education. His secondary education was at Wawaka High School. He graduated in 1927 — the valedictorian of his seven-member class. At the time of his death last Saturday, Butz was the oldest surviving alumni of Wawaka High School.

On several occasions, Earl came back to his high school alumni as a guest speaker. One such occasion was in 1983 - just prior to the school's demolition. His speeches were interspersed with humor — something that got him in trouble in the national political scene. However, his earthy-style was generally on point.

Although Butz made some mistakes in his life, his accomplishments far outweigh them.

Dr. Butz is listed as a Distinguished Alumni among those high schools that merged to make up West Noble High School (Wawaka, Ligonier and Cromwell). On the school's web page, it says, "The quality of a school is often measured by the success of its graduates."

Dr. Earl Butz' accomplishments are listed there as follows:

- 1937, joined the Purdue University Agricultural Economics Faculty
- Served briefly as a research fellow with the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C.
- 1946, head of the Purdue Agricultural Economics Department
- 1948, Vice President of what is now the American Agricultural Economics Association
- 1951, Vice President of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers
- 1954-1957, President Eisenhower appointed Dr. Butz as an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture
- member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation
- Chairman of the United States Delegation to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- 1957, returned to Purdue University to become Dean of the School of Agriculture
- 1968, named Dean of Continuing Education and Vice President of the Purdue Research Foundation
- 1971, President Nixon nominated Dr. Butz to the Cabinet as Secretary of Agriculture
- 1971-1976, served as Secretary of Agriculture under the Nixon and Ford administration
- worked tirelessly to promote American agriculture
- at age 94 still made daily trips to his office at Purdue University
- asked to speak at President Nixon's funeral
- a part of Purdue University's College of Agriculture for parts of nine decades, beginning with his undergraduate days in the late 1920s

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[1] *Attributed to Bruce Barton "There are Two Seas," for McCall's in 1928*

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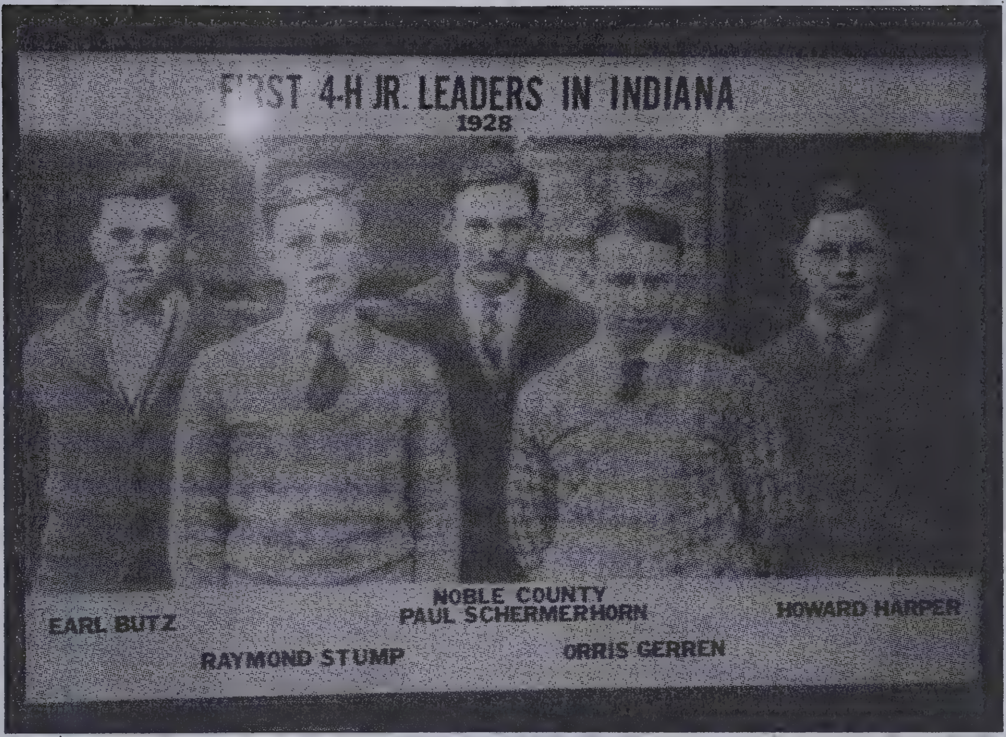
FIRST 4-H JR. LEADERS IN INDIANA
1928
EARL BUTZ
RAYMOND STUMP
NOBLE COUNTY
PAUL SCHERMERHORN
ORRIS GERREN
HOWARD HARPER

First Indiana 4-H Junior Leaders: From left, Earl L. Butz, Raymond Stump, Paul Schermerhorn, Orris Gerren and Howard Harper. (Courtesy Noble County Extension Service)

U.S. Secretary Earl L. Butz with President Richard Nixon. (Photo from Purdue University archives)

Dr. Earl L. Butz at the time of his $1 million donation to Purdue University. (Photo from Purdue University archives)

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz with President Gerald Ford. (Photo from Purdue University archives)

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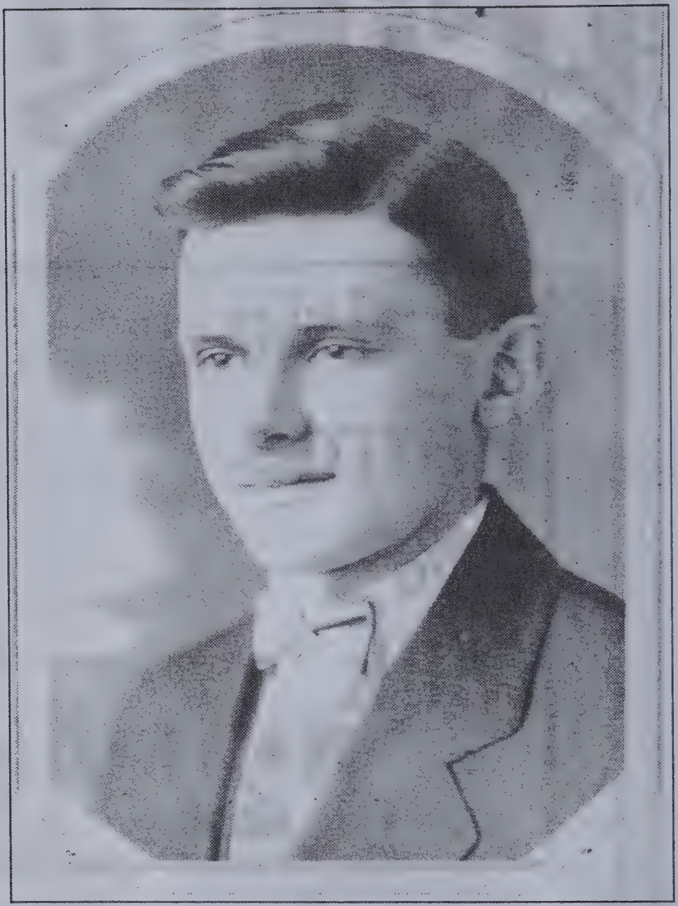

This is Earl L. Butz' high school senior photo. He was the valedictorian of the Wawaka High School Class of 1927. (Courtesy JoNel Kurtz)

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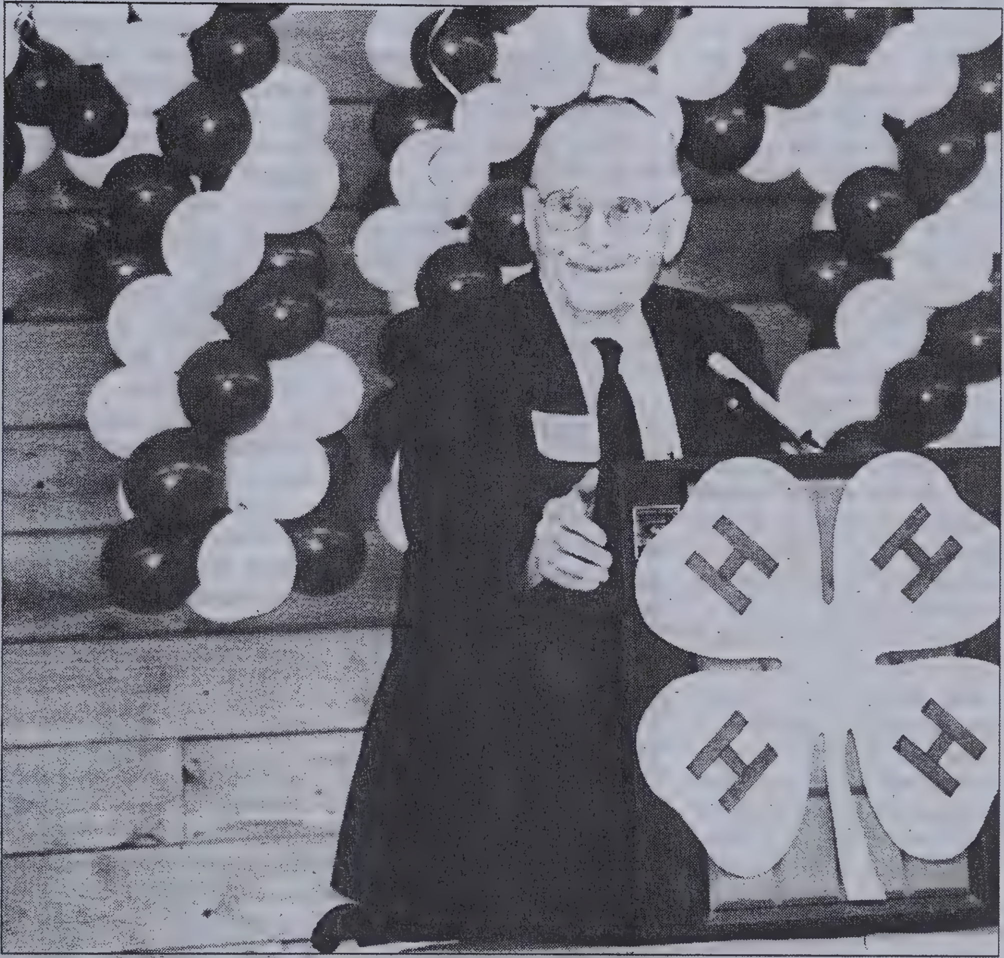

Dr. Earl L. Butz was guest speaker at the first Noble County 4-H Alumni Banquet held April 15, 2000 at the log building on the Noble County Fairgrounds in Kendallville. (ANE photo by Joy LeCount)

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Ervin Miller

TOPEKA — Ervin M. Miller, 80, of Topeka died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer and owner of Miller's School Book Store.

He was a senior deacon in the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 28, 1927, in LaGrange County to Jacob and Mary (Miller) Miller. He married Mary Lambright on Jan. 15, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Wilma and Ernest Eash, Elizabeth and Jerry Miller and Sara and Orva Yoder, all of LaGrange, Ruby and Howard Miller of Hillsboro, Wis., and Edna and Samuel Schrock of Topeka; four sons and daughters-in-law, Orva and Esther Miller of Topeka, Elmer and Irene Miller of Hillsboro, Wis., Melvin and Beulah Miller of Ligonier and Omer and Fannie Miller of Vevay; a daughter-in-law, Ruby Miller of Topeka; 70 grandchildren; 100 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Clara and Ezra Bontrager of Wolcottville; and a brother, Eli Miller of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Eli Miller; a grandson, Ervin Miller; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be today and all day Friday at the family residence.

Francis Cyran

Mr. Cyran

WATERLOO — Francis M. Cyran, M.D., 55, of Waterloo died Wednesday morning, Feb. 6, 2008, in a single-vehicle accident on C.R. 27.

He was a psychiatrist with the Northeastern Center in Auburn. He was a major in the U.S. Air Force, serving from June 1979 until June 1987.

He was born Nov. 21, 1952, in Cherry Point, N.C., to Frank and Jean (Chetney) Cyran. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Vienna, W.Va.

He married Susan Smith Cobbs on Dec. 6, 2004, at Wing Haven Nature Preserve of Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Francis Michael Cyran of Galveston, Texas, and James "Jake" Cyran of Auburn; three daughters and a son-in-law, Dr. Katherine "Kate" and Dr. Mark VanPoppel of Memphis, Tenn., Elizabeth "Libby" Cyran of Indianapolis and Hannah Cyran of Auburn; three brothers, Eric Cyran of Columbus, Ohio, Mark Cyran of Houston, Texas, and Adam Cyran of Florence, S.C.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Debbie Cyran of Vienna, W.Va., Marsha Osctrowski of Parkersburg, W.Va., and Amy and Bruce Riffle of Vienna, W.Va.; and his first wife, Linda Cyran of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Alan Cyran.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

William Campbell

WOLCOTTVILLE — William E. Campbell, 94, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Esther Zawadzke

AVILLA — Esther Zawadzke, 95, of Avilla died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ulysses Inzer

KENDALLVILLE — Ulysses Inzer, 79, of Kendallville died today, Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Lyle Bricker

HARVARD, Ill. — Lyle J. Bricker, 67, of Harvard, Ill., died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2008, at Centegra Memorial Medical Center in Woodstock, Ill., surrounded by his family and friends.

Mr. Bricker was the founder and owner of Ray-Tech Co. in Wheeling, Ill. He enjoyed literature and wood carving. He loved being a woodsman and enjoyed fishng and campfires. He hosted a popular annual event for all his friends and family, calling it "The Great Smokeout Wild Game Feast Weekend."

He was born May 12, 1940, in DeKalb County to James L. and Lavon (Thompson) Bricker. They preceded him in death.

He married Janet Smith on April 6, 1961, in Berwyn, Ill. She survives.

Aso surviving are a son, Lyle J. Bricker Jr.; two daugthers and sons-in-law, Lorinda Bricker-Kiwior and her husband, Kenneth, and Autumn Joy and Joseph Ervin; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Barbara Bricker; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Howard Troyer and Nancy and Marion Carper.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Schneider, Leucht, Merwin & Cooney Funeral Home, 1211 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock, Ill. Pastor David Cooper will officiate. Burial will be in McHenry County Memorial Park Cemetery in Woodstock.

Calling will be Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct the day of the funeral service.*

John Parsons

BIRCHWOOD, Wis. — John L. Parsons, 53, of Birchwood died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake, Wis.

Mr. Parsons had been employed at County Line Cheese (Beatrice Foods) for 19 years.

After moving to Wisconsin, he owned and operated Parson's North Star Resort in Edgewater. He had also been employed through the Township of Edgewater since 1998.

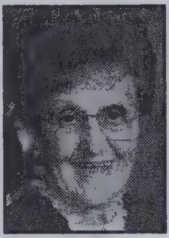
He was born Aug. 1, 1954, in Angola to LaMont "Walt" and Vanessa (Keith) Parsons. They are deceased. He married Patty Robotka on July 2, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives in Birchwood.

Also surviving are five sons, Jeremy and Scott, both of Auburn, John and Cody, both of Birchwood, and Calvert of Rice Lake; three grandchildren, Hailey, Ryan and Caleb; a brother, Steve Parsons of Fremont; five sisters, Cheryl Schinbeckler of Henderson, Nev., Randy Collins of Auburn, Shelley Householder of Angola, Beth Goff of Lawrenceville, Ill., and Dawn of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Appleyard's Home for Funerals in Rice Lake with the Rev. Jeff Vesta officiating.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Thelma Fisher



Mrs. Fisher

GOSHEN — Thelma Fisher, 95, of Goshen died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital.

She had retired from Hook's Drug Store in Goshen.

Mrs. Fisher had attended Rock Run Church of the Brethren and was baptized there in 1924.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, working in her flower garden and singing.

Mrs. Fisher had wintered in Orlando, Fla., for 23 years.

She was born Feb. 8, 1912, in Elkhart County to Harvey and Mae (Berkey) Kauffman. She married Vernon Fisher on Nov. 2, 1930. He died Oct. 10, 1980.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, June and Walter Hartman and Violet and Bill Goodsene, all of Elkhart, and Alta Hershberger of Ligonier; four sons and five daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Barbara Fisher of Middlebury and Robert and Maxine Fisher, Stephen and Diane Fisher, Dennis and Sandy Fisher and Marjorie Fisher, all of Goshen; 29 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Allen, on Nov. 25, 1991; a grandson, Allen Eugene Fisher; three sisters, Faye Leichty, Lois Douma and Opal Bailey; and a brother, Stanley Kauffman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rock Run Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Tim Waits officiating. Burial will be in Rock Run Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Rock Run Cemetery Association.

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Elizabeth Stalder

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth "Bette" Stalder, 83, of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008.

She was an engineer secretary for 40 years before retiring from Peter Eckrich & Sons in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed bowling and playing golf.

She was born Sept. 23, 1924, in Fort Wayne to J.W. and Gen Furste.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Glen Stalder, whom she married Nov. 10, 1945; a daughter, Jeanne E. Bruick of Coldwater, Mich., and Punta Gorda; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, George Furste.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at www.kays-ponger.com. Kays-Ponger Funeral Home, Punta Gorda Chapel, is in charge of arrangements

Mary Shrock

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Ruth Shrock, 76, of Shipshewana died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at her home.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Oct. 27, 1931, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Enos and Emma (Coblentz) Shrock.

Surviving are her niece and caregiver, Rose Yuntzy and her husband, Perry, of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Ivan Yuntzy residence, 2140 N. C.R. 700W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Casper Hochstetler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery in Shipshewana. Pallbearers will be Nathan Yutzy, Lloyd Yutzy, Perry Yutzy Jr., Ivan Yutzy, Mervin Yutzy and Paul Yutzy.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today and all day Friday at the Ivan Yuntzy residence.

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Mark Minnick

NORTH WEBSTER — Mark S. Minnick, 58, of North Webster died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at his residence following a battle with cancer.

Minnick

Mr. Minnick was a lifetime area resident who was a self-employed carpenter.

He graduated in 1968 from North Webster High School. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Minnick was a member of the American Legion Post 253 in North Webster and VFW Post 1342 in Syracuse.

He was born March 26, 1949, in Warsaw to Harry and Betty (Paulus) Minnick. His parents survive in Ligonier.

He married Sandra L. Galbreath on April 6, 2006. She survives in Warsaw.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sara and Jeff Taylor of Columbus, Misty Minnick of Syracuse and Julie Minnick of North Webster; six grandchildren; four stepdaughters and their spouses, Chris and Dan Ricci of North Webster, Jamie Mobley of Fort Wayne, Michelle and Nick Cox of Pierceton and Julie Miller of Pierceton; a stepson, Rick Minnick of Fort Wayne; 12 stepgrandchildren; a sister, Suzanne Shock of Ligonier; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike and Lori Minnick of Ligonier; Matt and Kristi Minnick of Topeka and Marshall and Linda Minnick of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by infant twin brothers.

Services were Saturday at the Owen Family Funeral Homes, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with Pastor Brad Cox of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial was in North Webster Cemetery with full military graveside rites by North Webster American Legion Post 253.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Disabled American Veterans or Parkview Whitley Home Health & Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

William Bales

WAWAKA — William H. Bales, 79, of Wawaka and formerly of New Haven died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Bales

Mr. Bales retired from ITT Industries in 1984 with more than 35 years of service.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a lifetime member of VFW Post 2457 and a member of the American Legion.

He was born in Bradford, Pa., to Parnell and Pearl Bales.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Debbie Bales of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Dave Tribolet of Fort Wayne; a stepson, David Grubb; a sister, Mary Francis Crook; a brother, Pete Bales of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 36 years, Carol, in 2007; and a stepdaughter, Tammy Franklin.

There are no services. Burial was in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling was Saturday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Memorials are to hospice or the donor's choice.

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Ruby Hicks

BRIMFIELD — Ruby Hicks, 83, of Brimfield died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She had been employed with Monsanto in Ligonier from 1959 until her retirement at 1987.

Hicks

Mrs. Hicks enjoyed spending time with her family, quilting, crocheting and traveling. She also loved to play bingo and being outdoors and tending to her flower and vegetable gardens.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Yukon, W.Va., on Dec. 1, 1924, to Vernie Blevins Sr. and Beatrice (Delph) Blevins. Her parents preceded her death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Charles Johnson of London, Ky., Patsi Hicks of Falls Church, Va., and Carol and Carl Pulver of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Raven Jr. and Omah Hicks of Ligonier and Herbert Franklin "Frank" Hicks of Cromwell; 15 grandchildren, Chuck and Stacey Johnson, Charity Hicks, Penny Hicks, Kenny and Jessica Hicks, Tammy Hicks, Christopher and Shannon Hicks-Cespedes, Brandon and Nichelle Pulver, Jenifer Pulver, Tasha and Shawn Rasler, Brock and Sarah Pulver, Dustin Pulver, Nathan Pulver, Trevor Pulver, Austin Pulver and Katie Pulver; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters, Deloris Davis of Roanoke, Va., and Ethel Carica of Virginia; and three brothers, Tom Blevins of Roanoke, Va.; Vernie Blevins Jr. of Albion and Ernest Blevins of Reno, Nev.

She was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Alexander Matthew McBride; two sisters, Catherine Bolen and Mildred Brewer; and two brothers, Bennie Blevins and Lundy Blevins.

Services were Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial was at Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Memorials are to the Magic Foundation or to the CARES Foundation.

View a video tribute after today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

In Loving Memory of
Jimmy L. Hill
(Dad & Grandfather)
May 2, 1941 - Feb. 6, 2007

It broke our hearts that cold February day one year ago when God called you home. But you didn't take that journey alone, for you took a part of each of us with you. The memories you left behind, we hold close to our hearts each and every day. We love and miss you dearly. You're always on our minds and forever in our hearts.

Your Family,
Sharon, Tracy, (Sis) Jim, Ed, Tayla,
Megan, Brandon and Shay

If love could have saved, you would have lived forever.

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Former U.S. ag secretary dies at 98

Earl Butz was born and raised in Noble County

BY DENNIS NARTKER,
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and Albion native Earl L. Butz, 98, died Saturday morning in his sleep at his son's home in Washington, D.C.

His death was announced during the Purdue Agriculture Alumni Association's annual fish fry in West Lafayette, an event Butz rarely missed.

Butz was one of the original five junior 4-H leaders in Indiana, all of whom came from Noble County. They were honored as grand marshals of the Noble County Community 4-H Fair several years ago, according to Jack Gaby, Noble County Fair Board member and parade chairman.

Gaby, 72, has been on the fair board since 1968, and farms about 100 acres near Albion with his son, Tim. Gaby remembers Butz as an outspoken leader for agriculture.

Noble County Extension director Doug Keenan was surprised to learn of Butz's death.

Keenan and Gaby joined other county 4-H leaders in serving a Groundhog Supper to the public at the fairgrounds last Saturday night.

Keenan attended conferences where Butz was the guest speaker.

"He emphasized how much farm products were in the grocery cart. That was his big thing," Keenan said. He remembers how Butz supported agriculture, Indiana farmers and Purdue University.

In April 2000, Butz was the featured speaker at the first Noble County 4-H Alumni Banquet held in the new log community building at the Noble County Fairgrounds in Kendallville. He helped Keenan present longtime 4-H leader, Don Goins of Rome City, with the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest honor, at the banquet. Keenan, who was Noble County's extension youth educator at the time, represented the late Gov. Frank O'Bannon in the presentation.

Butz credited Noble County's 4-H program for giving him the initial leadership training that eventually led him to a Cabinet post in Washington, D.C.

It was Noble County extension agent J.B. Cunningham who set Butz on the path he would follow the rest of his life. Cunningham urged Butz to visit Purdue University. Butz won a 4-H scholarship to Purdue.

Butz earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Purdue in 1932 and earned the university's first doctoral degree in agricultural economics in 1937.

Butz joined the staff in the Purdue Department of Agricultural Economics in 1937. He served as head of the department from 1946 to 1954. Butz was made dean of Purdue Agriculture in 1957 and served until 1967. He was dean of continuing education and vice president of the Purdue Research Foundation from 1968 to 1971.

"He served Purdue well as a respected faculty member, department head and dean," said Randy Woodson, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture at Purdue.

"He was a tireless advocate for agriculture, and his efforts helped bring Purdue Agriculture into international prominence."

Wally Tyner, former agricultural economics department head, remembers Butz as a friend and mentor. "He always knew how to provide encouragement, and he thanked people for a job well done," Tyner said.

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In his government posts, Butz was Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., from 1954 to 1957 under President Dwight Eisenhower. He was Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 to 1976 under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Controversy began swirling around Butz after President Nixon appointed him Secretary of Agriculture in 1971. He figured in public disputes ranging from foreign grain sales to high meat prices.

As agricultural secretary, he drew the ire of unions and consumer groups when he worked out long-term agreements on the sale of grain to Eastern European nations and Japan. The sales led to a jump in grain prices at home and drew applause from famers who benefitted.

When world food prices soared in the 1970s, Butz drew the anger of environmentalists by urging farmers to plant from fence row to fence row. That policy resulted in vegetation along fence rows being plowed and planted and wetlands tiled and drained.

As ag secretary, Butz also proclaimed that farming "is now a big business" and that the family farm "must adapt or die" by expanding into large operations reliant on industrial pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

Butz was forced to resign his Cabinet post in October 1976 after telling an obscene joke that was derogatory to blacks. The slur was overheard by John Dean, former counsel to President Nixon, who was jailed in the Watergate scandal. Dean's report was published in Rolling Stone magazine.

Two years before telling the joke, Butz apologized to the Vatican after criticizing the Roman Catholic Church's stand on birth control by using a mock Italian accent while referring to the pope.

"Let's be honest, I'm controversial. I don't hesitate to speak my mind," he said at the time.

Butz maintained, during his career, that farmers should rely on a free market driven by exports and not federal subsidies.

He unsuccessfully campaigned for the Republican nomination for Indiana governor in 1968.

As a private citizen, Butz pleaded guilty in 1981 to federal charges of failing to report $148,000 of taxable income for 1978. He was sentenced to five years in prison and fined $10,000. Butz served 25 days in jail, however, as the judge commuted all but 30 days to probation and Butz got five days off for good behavior.

After leaving the Cabinet, he was named dean emeritus of Purdue's School of Agriculture. In 1999, Butz donated $1 million to Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics.

At the Noble County Alumni Banquet eight years ago, Butz learned that 850 young people were involved in Noble County 4-H programs.

"That's tremendous in a county like this," he said.

"They will become a part of that leadership class that is so scarce. I encourage you to keep it up."

He was born July 3, 1909, and raised on a 160-acre livestock farm in Noble County. His first eight years of education were in a one-room schoolhouse.

Butz married Mary Emma Powell from North Carolina in 1937, and they had two sons, Bill and Thomas. She preceded him in death in July 1995.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Federated Church in West Lafayette, Ind.

Calling will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the church's sanctuary.

Memorials are to the church, 2400 Sycamore Lane, West Lafayette IN 47906 or to the Earl Butz Scholarship Fund at Purdue Agriculture Development, 715 W. State St., West Lafayette IN 47907.

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Terry Housholder

Earl Butz's last public appearance in Noble County was in April 2000 to attend the first Noble County 4-H Alumni Banquet in Kendallville. Don Goins, center, was honored with a Sagamore of the Wabash for his contributions to 4-H. Shown left to right are Butz, Goins and Doug Keenan, Noble County Extension educator.

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William Campbell

WOLCOTTVILLE — William E. "Bill" Campbell, 94, of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Campbell retired from the Nickel Plate Railroad. He had sold produce from his home on Big Long Lake.

Mr. Campbell had lived in Noble and LaGrange counties his entire life and was an avid fisherman and gardener.

He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ and a lifetime member of the United Transportation Union.

He was born on July 7, 1913, in Albion to Fred E. and Mary L. (Johnston) Campbell. He married Janice I. Baker in Albion on May 14, 1938. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Billie and Maynard DeWitt of Wolcottville and Mary Ellen Tollett of Kingston, Tenn.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Barbara Campbell of Churubusco; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bertha Rockey of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh with Pastor Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Ruby Peck

CORUNNA — Ruby A. Peck, 86, of Corunna died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at her home with her family at her side.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Betty Koos

VAN WERT, Ohio — Betty G. Koos, 84, of Van Wert died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio.

Mrs. Koos was born Jan. 22, 1924, in Center Township, Mercer County, Ohio, to Robert and Ferry (Fast) Roth.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Loretta and Stephen Markward of Van Wert, Vicki and Bob Hart and Debbie Koos, all of Kendallville, and Lisa and Joe Ridenour of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Elaine Koos of Stanwood, Wash.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Billie and Marvin Fisher and Kitty Schaffner, all of Van Wert, and Shirley DeSanto of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; a sister-in-law, Mary Walters of Van Wert; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Kline; two brothers, Jack Roth and David Walters; and a grandson, Zachary Markward.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Brickner Funeral Home in Van Wert with Father Mike Zacharias officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Council on Aging.

Condolences may be sent online to www.bricknerfuneralhome.com.

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Ulysses Inzer

KENDALLVILLE — Ulysses G. Inzer, 79, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Mr. Inzer retired from Carriage House Apartments in Kendallville as facilities superintendent.

He was a member of the United States Army and served his country from 1945 until 1948. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Avilla.

Mr. Inzer was born in Knoxville, Tenn., on May 6, 1928, to Walter Glen and Ella Mae (Whedbee) Inzer. He married Lottie Davidson on May 2, 1960, in Chicago, Ill. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Cathy Inzer of Avilla; three daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa Campbell of Avilla, Sherri of Florida and Donna and John Best of Michigan; nine grandchildren, Kyle Inzer, Crystal Inzer and Michele Campbell, all of Kendallville; Michael Campbell and Brittney Chagoya, both of Avilla, Michelle of Florida, and Tammy Best, John Best Jr., and Kenny Best; two great-grandchildren, Camryn Osbun and Caydence Becker; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Glennadean Inzer of California; and a sister and brother-in-law, Lucy and John Byrd of North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lois Fuller; and three brothers, Wilford, Howard and George Inzer.

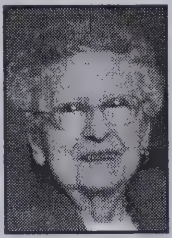
No services or calling.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville in charge of the arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Esther Zawadzke

AVILLA — Esther Margaret Zawadzke, 95, of Avilla died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.


Ms. Zawadzke

She lived many years on Central Drive and in Concord Village in Fort Wayne. For more than 30 years, she worked in civil service with the Internal Revenue Service as a delinquent tax auditor.

Following her retirement, she helped seniors with their taxes at the Senior Citizens Center in Fort Wayne. She also volunteered at the Allen County Public Library.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1930 as valedictorian of her class and she was first in her class at International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She had traveled extensively throughout the world. She also enjoyed playing bridge and other card games and working jigsaw and crossword puzzles.

She was a member of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kendallville on Feb. 7, 1912, to John and Katherine (Streb) Zawadzke.

Surviving are three nephews, Harold Zawadzke and his wife, Charlotte, of Albion; David Zawadzke and his wife, Bertha, of Wolcottville; and Thomas Zawadzke of Sevierville, Tenn.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Paul Zawadzke Sr. and Johnny Zawadzke; a sister, Martha Bodenhafer; two nephews, Paul Zawadzke Jr. and Steve Zawadzke; and a niece, Sharon Noel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Steven Ensley of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, St. Francis Neighborhood or Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Darlene Sherck

MIDDLEBURY — Darlene M. Sherck, 71, of Middlebury died at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart. She had been declining in health for the past two years.

Mrs. Sherck was a homemaker and a member of the LaGrange Moose, American Legion Post 210 Auxiliary and the Disabled American Veterans.

Mrs. Sherck

She was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Goshen to Clifford and Agnes (Miller) Leatherman. They preceded her in death.

She married Max Sherck on May 3, 1973. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Darlette Meyer of Middlebury and Robin and Ron Anderson of Goshen; two stepsons and a spouse, Mike and Linda Sherck of Davidson, N.C., and Tom Sherck of Fresno, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Barb Igney of Goshen; nine grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Gerald Kauffman of Middlebury; and a brother, Vern Leatherman of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kelly Igney, and a brother, Wayne Leatherman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with the Rev. Jane Leatherman officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Mike Sherck, Eric Meyer, Todd Igney, Troy Igney, Aaron Meyer and Joey Anderson. Honorary pallbearers are Dave Powell, Phil Wogoman and Gary O'Dell.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Marie Hostetler

LAGRANGE — Marie Hostetler, 88, of LaGrange died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mrs. Hostetler

She was a homemaker and had worked at Ivers-Lee Midwest in Shipshewana. She was a member of Emma Mennonite Church and was a longtime Sunday and Bible School teacher. She spent many hours volunteering at numerous mission centers in the area. She had spent most of her life in the LaGrange County area.

She was born June 3, 1919, in West Liberty, Ohio, to Amos O. and Thersa (Hooley) Hostetler. On Nov. 4, 1944, she married Walter Hostetler in Emma. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Jane Moore of Elkhart and Judy and Bob Donovan of Elkhart; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Maurice "Moe" Hostetler of Cassopolis, Mich., and Loren and Mary Hostetler of Austin, Texas, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, one sister, Betty Kauffman of Goshen, three brothers,, Mervin Hostetler of Topeka, Meredith Hostetler of Coatesville and Mark Hostetler of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a husband, Paul Mast; a sister, Dorothy Hostetler; four brothers, Morris, Merrill, Melvin and Mansford Hostetler; one granddaughter, Renee Evans; and a grandson, Loren Leroy Hostetler Jr.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will take place in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Emma Mennonite Church.

Memorials may be contributed to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be submitted to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

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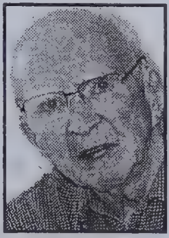
Wendell Dygert

COLUMBIA CITY — G. Wendell Dygert, 95, of Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at his home.



Mr. Dygert

He was born Jan. 26, 1913 in Angola to Levi and Bernice (Balding) Dygert. He graduated from Angola High School, DePauw University and received his master's degree from Indiana University.

On July 16, 1936, he married R. Evelyn Tower. They made their home in Angola until 1952 when they moved to Jefferson Township, Whitley County. In 1968 they moved to their home in Thorncreek Township.

In addition to general farming, he was a math and shop teacher for 10 years beginning in 1933 and was a life insurance agent and estate planner for 70 years, retiring in 2007 from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.

He was a member of St. Matthews United Methodist Church and a former member of Jefferson Chapel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, of 71 years; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Linda Dygert of Afton, N.Y., and Timothy and Katriina Dygert of Richmond, Ky., three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sylvia and Richard Manalis of Beverly Shores, Anita and Robert Dygert-Gearheart of Ashland, Ore., and Mary Dygert of Columbia City; and 20 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Dygert; a brother, Rollin Dygert; and a sister, Dorothy Taylor.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 1460 E. C.R. 500N, Columbia City,

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the Dygert home and one hour prior to service at the church on Sunday. Burial will be in Jefferson Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to ACRES Land Trust.

Arrangements are by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences are to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Harold Barkdull Sr.

HAINES CITY, Fla. — Harold R. Barkdull Sr., 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at his residence.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Arvilla Jones

ANGOLA — Arvilla M. Jones, 82, of Guthrie, Okla., and formerly of Angola, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, in Guthrie, Okla.

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones was a homemaker and also worked at Duotherm in LaGrange for five years.

She had been living in Phoenix, Ariz., since 1975 and then moved to Guthrie.

She was born Sept. 9, 1925, in Cranesville, W.Va., to Asa and Nellie (Smith) Elsey.

She married Harold P. Jones, who preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1972.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Harold D and Deborah Jones of Toledo, Ohio, Richard P. and Melody Jones of Lapeer, Mich., and Roger and Carol Jones of Spencer; four daughters and sons-in-law, Faith and Robert Shepard of Guthrie, Beverly and Scott Reese and Barbara and Brian Hogan, all of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Kimberly and John Taylor of Mesa, Ariz.; two brothers, Paul of Pennsylvania and Jim of Florida; two sisters, Mary Gifford of Florida and Jean Penn of West Virginia; and 22 grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Lois J. Jones, who died June 22, 1971.

A private burial was held Thursday at Jackson Prairie Cemetery, near Orland.

A guestbook may be signed for Mrs. Jones at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

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Ruby Peck

CORUNNA — Ruby A. Pearson Peck, 86, of Corunna died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at her home with her family at her side.

Mrs. Peck

Mrs. Peck had lived in the area for 49 years, coming from West Virginia. She was a homemaker.

She sang in church since her childhood. While living in West Virginia, she had a radio program with her husband, Mack Pearson.

She was born Nov. 24, 1921, in Honaker, Va., to Ellis and Ruth (Miller) Peck.

She married Mack Pearson on Oct. 31, 1937, in Virginia. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1993. She then married Estel C. Peck on Sept. 7, 1996, in Lebanon, Tenn. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1999.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Maxine Compton of Kendallville, Debi and Palmer Smith of South Milford, Darlene and Ray Pierce of Matoka, W.Va., Cindy and Bob Ransom of Adrian, Mich., and Barbara and Marshall Pierce of Wolcottville; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Garnet Pearson of Maiden, N.C., Grover and Vickie Pearson of Stanley, N.C., Jerry and Linda Pearson of Corunna, and Tony and Lauretta Pearson of Kendallville; 41 grandchildren; 103 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great grandchildren; one sister, Mahala Hackler of Florida; and one brother, Henry Peck of Bristol, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Luther Pearson, Kent Pearson and Gregory Pearson, and one brother, Clyde Peck.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the True Church of God in Jesus Name, 2664 S. Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Howard Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family or to view a video after Monday at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., is in charge of arrangements.

Laura Avey

OSSIAN — Laura "Dotty" L. (Norbeck) (Wehage) Avey, 90, of Ossian and formerly of Van Wert, Ohio, died at 12:26 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Woodcrest Nursing Center, Decatur.

Mrs. Avey

Mrs. Avey had been a homemaker and had formerly worked in clothing retail sales and also worked at the family-run bakery in Delphos, Ohio.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ossian and former member of First Presbyterian Church in Van Wert, Ohio. She belonged to the Ladies Aide and Christian Fellowship of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was also an avid traveler and had wintered in Arizona for many years.

She was born Sept. 1, 1917, in Rockford, Ohio, to Benjamin and Clora (Shaffer) Norbeck.

She was married to Herman Wehage, who died in 1965, and then married Glen Avey, who survives in Ossian.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Susan Wehage of Van Wert, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Clora and David Meyer of Avilla; two stepsons and their spouses, David G. Avey of Magley and Donald H. and Sandra Avey of Ossian; two stepdaughters and a spouse, Joan M. Nixon of Fort Wayne and Janet L. and Richard Reinhart of Brownsburg; six grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home and Crematory, Van Wert, with the Rev. William Brege officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the funeral hom

Memorials may be directe to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Alzheimer's Associa tion or Family Hospice of Berne.

Condolences may be sent to agfhc@embarqmail.com

Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home and Crematory, Van Wert, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

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Patricia Gates

FOSTORIA, Ohio — Patricia J. "Pat" Gates, 75, of Fostoria, died peacefully at her home on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008.

She was a member of St. Wendelin Catholic Church and its Rosary Altar Society. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross, calling for the blood donor list, and avid reader who also enjoyed knitting and gardening.

Mrs. Gates

She was born Sept. 15, 1932, in Owensboro, Ky., to the late Leon and Elizabeth (Ambrose) Alexander.

She married John A. "Jack" Gates on June 13, 1953, at St. James Catholic Church in Louisville, Ky. He survives in Fostoria.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Jerry Faber of Auburn, Barbara and Robert Brennan of Findlay, Ohio, Nancy and Andy Schwery of Walhalla, S.C., and Theresa and Charles Taschler of Findlay, Ohio; her grandchildren, Matthew, Ryan, Brandon and Kelly Faber, Brooke McCracken, Robert J. and Jaclyn Brennan, Petty Officer Chad Whitta, Michelle Nugent and Neal and Savanna Ward; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Elizabeth Gates, and a sister, Elaine (Mrs. John) Connors.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Wendelin Catholic Church in Fostoria. Father Nick Weibl will officiate. A rosary service will begin at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at the parish cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at 2008 at Mann-Hare-Hoening Funeral Home, 407 N. Countyline St., Fostoria, where a Christian Wake service will begin at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Wendelin Educational Foundation or Bridge Home Health and Hospice of Findlay.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made by visiting www.mann-hare.com.

Isabel Luke

ASHLEY — Isabel M. Luke, 86, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2007, at her daughter's home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Luke worked for 24 years as a cook at Redwood Drive-In of Kendallville.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Churchin Waterloo and the Waterloo VFW Ladies Auxiliary and a former member of the Ashley Town Board. She worked at the polls in Ashley on election days for many years and was an Ashley High School graduate.

Mrs. Luke

She moved to Ashley from Kendallville in 1971. She and her husband wintered in Arcadia, Fla., for many years.

She was born Nov. 17, 1921, in Waterloo to Joseph B. and Magdeline (Blomeke) Miller. They preceded her in death.

She married H. Dean Luke on July 12, 1975, in Rome City. He died March 19, 2007.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Rick Crummett of Waterloo; a stepdaughter and her husband, Cosy and Jerry Watschke of Hackensack, Mo; a daughter-in-law, JoAnne Williams of Kendallville; three sisters, Roseenna McGuin of Ligonier, Elvina Karst of Kendallville and Zella Ann Collins of Butler; nine grandchildren, Rick Helmick Jr., William Helmick, Rachel Helmick, Joseph M. Williams, Jennifer L. Williams, Ricky Crummett Jr., Amanda Crummett, Derick Crummett and Terry Watschke; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joseph G. Williams, a brother, Ambrose Miller, and two sisters, Martha Szeman and Thelma Schortgen.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will be Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

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Martha Siebenaler

HAMILTON — Martha C. Siebenaler, 71, of Hamilton, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at her residence.

Mrs. Siebenaler was a member of the Churubusco High School Class of 1955. A devoted wife and mother, she also was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola.

Mrs. Siebenaler

As a 40-year member of Psi Rho Sorority, she was very involved in community service with the March of Dimes, county and local organizations to help senior citizens and children in need. She was a founding member of the Hamilton Lake Ski Club and the Hamilton 4th of July Celebration Committee. She was an in-store demonstrator for Meijer, Scott's and Wal-Mart for 10 years.

She was born Jan. 19, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Edna (White) and William E. Carlin.

She married Eldon A. Siebenaler on June 7, 1958, at Columbia City. He died June 21, 2007.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, William B. "Bill" Siebenaler of Whitefish, Mont., David A. Siebenaler of Hamilton and Joseph M. and Julie P. Siebenaler of Hicksville, Ohio; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sara M. Siebenaler of Fort Wayne, Gretchen C. Bolsins of Las Cruces, N.M., and Rachael A. and Benjamin) Garcia of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren, Makenna, Kyersten and Keegan Siebenaler, Kelly Bolsins and Jack Bolsins and Jackalyn, Madison and Mary Grace Siebenaler; and one sister, Jean Timm of Fort Wayne.

Her parents and one sister, Mary Brogan, preceded her in death.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church of Angola.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory in Hamilton.

Memorials are to Psi Rho Sorority Scholarship Fund, c/o A. Peel, P.O. Box 222, Hamilton, IN 46742 or to the Hicksville Exempted Village School Tree Fund.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include an additional surviving relative. We apologize for the omission.*

Dr. Francis Cyran

WATERLOO — Francis M. Cyran, M.D., 55, died Wednesday morning, Feb. 6, 2008, in a single-vehicle accident on C.R. 27.

Dr. Cyran

Dr. Cyran was a psychiatrist with the Northeastern Center in Auburn. He was a major in the U.S. Air Force, serving from June 1979 until June 1987.

He was born Nov. 21, 1952, in Cherry Point, N.C., to Frank and Jean (Chetney) Cyran. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Vienna, W.Va.

He married Susan Smith Cobbs on Dec. 6, 2004, at Wing Haven Nature Preserve of Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Francis Michael Cyran of Galveston, Texas, and James "Jake" Cyran of Auburn; three daughters and a son-in-law, Dr. Katherine "Kate" and Dr. Mark VanPoppel of Memphis, Tenn., Elizabeth "Libby" Cyran of Indianapolis and Hannah Cyran of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Jordan Cobbs, at home; three brothers, Eric Cyran of Columbus, Ohio, Mark Cyran of Houston, Texas, and Adam Cyran of Florence, S.C.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Debbie Cyran of Vienna, W.Va., Marsha Osctrowski of Parkersburg, W.Va., and Amy and Bruce Riffle of Vienna, W.Va.; and his first wife, Linda Cyran of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Alan Cyran.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate.

Calling will be today from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Beverly Macrae

FORT WAYNE — Beverly I. (Shutt) Macrae, 76, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Parkview Hospital.

She was a homemaker, a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star Auburn Lodge and Homemakers Extension Club.

She was born April 27, 1931, in Garrett to Edward M. and Charlotte (Woodcock) Shutt.

She married Donald S. Macrae on Oct. 1, 1961. He died Nov. 23, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Don Hanley of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Andrea, Jessica and Adam Hanley; three brothers, Louis Shutt of Michigan, Robert Shutt of Ohio and James Shutt of Pennsylvania; and two sisters, Mary Ann Warstler and Martha Freed, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ruth Macrae; a brother, LeRoy Shutt; and a grandson.

Services will be today at noon in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Coltyn Kinsinger

AUBURN — Coltyn Shawn Issac Kinsinger was born Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn and died a short time later.

Surviving are his mother and father, Stephanie June (Rasnake) and Thomas Shawn Kinsinger of Kendallville; one brother, Devin Bauer of Kendallville; maternal grandparents, Melissa and Ted Prater of Pippa Passes, Ky., and Dennis and Linda Rasnake of Kendallville; maternal great-grandparents, Ross and Bea Arnold of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Jerry and Pam Kinsinger of LaGrange; paternal great-grandparents, Eli and Christine Kinsinger of LaGrange and Carl and Agnes Homer of LaPorte.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at The House of Prayer on Dowling Street, Kendallville, with the Rev. Emory Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour before the funeral service at the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Noble County farm boy rose to fame

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Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and Albion area-native Earl Butz's last public appearance in Noble County was in April 2000 for the first annual 4-H Alumni Banquet in Kendallville. Butz is shown on the left at the banquet with Don Goins, of Noble County, center, and Noble County extension education Doug Keenan. Butz helped Keenan present Goins with a Sagamore of the Wabash award.

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BY DENNIS NARTKER
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He could be called the most prominent national figure to ever come from Noble County.

Earl L. Butz's Noble County roots gave him the start he needed to become U.S. Secretary Agriculture and a cabinet member under Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford.

Before he came to national prominence, Butz grew up on the family farm near Albion, showed cattle at the Noble County Fair in Kendallville, graduated from Wawaka High School and worked at a Kendallville garage pumping gas for his uncle.

Butz, 98, died in his sleep Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, in his son's home in Washington, D.C. His funeral was Saturday at Federated Church in West Lafayette, Ind.

In a 1989 News-Sun interview, Butz said he had the good fortune of being born into a nice family with loving, caring parents who emphasized the work ethic. His farm parents instilled the concept that work itself is good for the soul.

Born on July 3, 1909, Butz was the oldest of five children on the family farm in York Township near Albion. His parents, Herman and Ada, believed education was even more important than working on the farm. They demanded he do well in school, and never asked him to stay home to help when there was extra farm work, such as on "butcher day," he told The News-Sun.

His first eight years of education were in the one-room Pleasant Hill School near the family farm. "I am thankful the teacher was so busy teaching the basics she didn't have time for all the frills we put in modern-day education," Butz said.

He then attended Wawaka High School and played basketball, had lead roles in junior and senior plays and was class valedictorian. There were seven people in Butz's 1927 graduating class.

"High school was a great experience," Butz said.

He went to high school in horse and buggy. The last year he got to drive a model T Ford. "At the time you could buy a second-hand model T for not much money. I think Dad paid $50, but these were hard-earned dollars," he said.

Butz earned scholarships to Indiana University and DePauw, but decided to run the family farm while his father managed the Farm Bureau cooperative.

For four months he worked in Kendallville, pumping gas for 14 hours a day at his uncle's garage at the corner of Main Street and U.S. 6. He stayed with his Aunt Minnie two blocks south of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Noble County extension agent J.B. Cunningham urged Butz to visit Purdue University where he learned about opportunities in agriculture. He won a 4-H scholarship to Purdue.

Cunningham instituted the 4-H junior leader program. Butz was one of the first junior leaders, showing cattle at the Noble County Fair in Kendallville. He was later honored with all five as grand marshals of the Noble County Fair parade.

All five of Indiana's first 4-H junior leaders were from Noble County.

During his sophomore year Butz attended the national 4-H convention in Washington, D.C., and outside the Department of Agriculture building he met Marry Emma Powell, a delegate from North Carolina, his future wife.

At Purdue, Butz became national president of Alpha Gamma Rho, an agricultural fraternity, editor for the Purdue Exponent, the university's daily newspaper, and developed a reputation for outspokenness.

In a 1974 News-Sun article, the late Howard Harper, a college roommate of Butz's, formerly of Cromwell, said, "Earl would take anybody to task if he thought he was right and they were wrong, professors and the whole ball of wax."

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He graduated with honors from Purdue in 1932 and earned his doctorate in agricultural economics from Purdue in 1937. He joined the Purdue faculty and married Mary Emma Powell. She died in 1995.

Butz taught at Purdue until 1954 when he went to work for three years for President Dwight D. Eisenhower as assistant secretary of agriculture.

He returned to Purdue as dean of agriculture in 1957. In 1971, when Butz was dean of continuing education and vice president of the Purdue Research Foundation, Agriculture Secretary Clifford Hardin resigned. President Nixon appointed him to replace Hardin.

Butz's goal as secretary of agriculture was to "get the government out of the ag business," he told The News-Sun. He said his major accomplishment was restoring pride to American agriculture.

Under his term government regulations for agriculture decreased, U.S. farm exports tripled, net farm income more than doubled over the previous 10 years, and 60 million acres of land formerly held out of production by the government was released.

He became famous for his humor. When a Harvard University study found that nitrates used as a preservative in bacon and sausage could cause cancer, Butz said he asked a physician about it.

"How much nitrosity would I have to ingest to get the same amount, pound for pound, as those laboratory rats at Harvard University I asked him. He said I'd have to eat about 15 tons of bacon a day. And I don't care for that much bacon."

But Butz's outspokenness got him onto trouble, too. He upset Catholics, Italian-Americans and environmentalists with his public comments. His reply to a question about why the Republican Party wasn't attracting more blacks led to his resignation in 1976. Butz returned to Purdue.

In 1981 he pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Fort Wayne to evading $74,057 in taxes. He was sentenced to five years in prison and a $100,000 fine. All but 30 days of the term was suspended.

In later years he lived in a retirement community near the Purdue campus and went to his office on the campus a few hours every day.

In April 1990 he attended the first Noble County 4-H Alumni Banquet in Kendallville, and helped present Don Goins a Sagamore of the Wabash award.

In 1999 he donated $1 million to Purdue's Department of Agriculture.

Butz was visiting his son in Washington, D.C. when he died.

"Earl understood what it meant to be a good teacher and speaker," said John Hardin, a member of the Purdue Board of Trustees.

Bob Thompson, the former Purdue dean of agriculture, remembered Butz as "the most popular secretary of agriculture with American farmers."

Lowell Hardin, 90, one of Butz's students at Purdue in the 1930s, said "Earl was most prominent for carrying the bully pulpit for agriculture. In the eyes of many, he was the most successful secretary of agriculture and a strong supporter of Purdue University."

Hoy Pearlberg, a friend of Butz's took him to church every Sunday in West Lafayette.

"Every Sunday I would take him to church, wheel him into Sunday school, and he would fall asleep," said Pearlberg. "When we left, he would always say, 'I can't understand that preacher.' And I would say, "That's because you keep falling asleep.'"

Memorial contributions may be made to the Federated Church, 2400 Sycamore Lane, West Lafayette, IN 47906 or to the Earl Butz scholarship fund at Purdue Agriculture Development, 715 W. State St., West Lafayette IN 47907.

(Compiled from The News-Sun files, Purdue University News Service, Lafayette Courier Journal and The Associated Press.)

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Butz remembered in service

WEST LAFAYETTE (AP) — Former U.S. agriculture secretary Earl L. Butz was remembered as a great teacher and devoted grandfather during a funeral service on Saturday.

A crowd of about 150 family, friends and Purdue University officials filled the Federated Church for Butz. He was 98 when he died Feb. 2.

The outspoken Butz was named secretary of agriculture by President Nixon in 1971 but was forced from office in 1976 for making a racist joke. He also served as a Purdue University agriculture dean and as assistant secretary of agriculture from 1954 to 1957.

Butz maintained during his career that farmers should rely on a free market driven by exports and not federal subsidies.

As agriculture secretary, he worked out long-term agreements on grain sales to Eastern European nations and Japan. Those sales led to a jump in grain prices at home and drew the applause from farmers who benefited.

Six grandchildren helped eulogize Butz on Saturday. One of them, Michael, recalled his grandfather teaching him how to drive when he was 13.

"More than anything, Grandpa was a teacher," he said.

Don Brock, who served as an assistant when Butz was agriculture secretary, said Butz was a "rock star" to American farmers.

Butz neighbor and Purdue professor emeritus Lowell Hardin remembered a straightforward man who "told it like it was." He said he knew Butz for about 70 years.

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Harold Barkdull

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Harold R. Barkdull Sr., 77, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, in Winter Haven Hospital in Winter Haven, Fla., where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Mr. Barkdull retired in 1989 as a tool and die maker with General Motors Corp. He graduated from Spiceland High School in 1950, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He moved to Wolcottville in 1967. For many years, he and his wife spent the winters at Lake Hamilton in Haines City, Fla., and summers at Witmer Lake in Wolcottville. He enjoyed bowling, golfing and fishing.

He was born Sept. 10, 1930, in New Castle to Raymond and Ruhle (Sears) Barkdull. On April 29, 1960, in Alexandra, he married Betty J. Reed.

Surviving are his wife, Betty J. Barkdull of Wolcottville; one daughter, Trudi Meyer of Wolcottville; five sons, Michael Quinn of Ligonier, Jack Quinn of Ligonier, Randy Barkdull of Middle Town, Indiana, Robin Barkdull of Fort Wayne and Harold Barkdull Jr. of Wolcottville; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, North S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Wooland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be on line at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Janet Hooley

FORT WAYNE — Janet Kay Hooley, 58, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at her residence after a battle with cancer.

She was an elementary school teacher for 32 years. She graduated from Westview High School in 1967 and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Manchester College in 1971. She earned a master's degree, also in elementary education, from IPFW in 1974. She was a member of the Central Church and was a past president of the board of directors for the Power House Youth Center in New Haven.

She was born March 21, 1949, in Goshen to Robert and Nancy (Stoltz) Sutton. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Topeka.

She had lived in the Fort Wayne area for the past 36 years. She married Brian R. Hooley on June 17, 1972. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Abby and Benji Knox of Pinnacle, N.C.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Cory and Sarah Hooley of New Haven and Derek and Angela Hooley of Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren, Cameron, Sadie and Miles Knox of Pinnacle, N.C.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jane and Vern Cookson of Indianapolis and Julie and Doug Feightner of Albion.

Services are Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Central Church, 5801 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastors Brian Gerig and Don Delegrange officiating. Burial is Saturday at Eden Cemetery in Topeka at 11 a.m.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and one hour before Friday's service at the church.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent on line at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Memorials are to Power House Youth Center, 830 Main St., New Haven, IN 46774.

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Kathryn Fitch

BURR OAK, Mich. — Kathryn Virginia Fitch, 39, of Burr Oak died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

She had resided her entire life in the Burr Oak and Sturgis area and graduated from Sturgis High School with the class of 1986.

In 1991 she received an associate's degree in computer aided design from Glen Oaks Community College.

She had been employed by the NAPA Auto Parts Store and Dave Smith Pontiac Buick GMC in Sturgis and was an original crew member of the Wal-Mart store in Sturgis where she worked as the automotive service manager.

She was a member of the American Motorcycle Association. She enjoyed repairing cars and trucks, mushroom hunting, riding motorcycles, dancing, singing and playing volleyball. Her family and pets were very important to her.

She was born April 5, 1968, in LaGrange to Archie and Frances (Lough) Holst. She married Richard Fitch in Sturgis. This marriage ended in divorce.

Surviving are a daughter, Kalyn Fitch; two sons, Alex Fitch and Cameron Fitch; her mother and stepfather, Frances and Rex Engle of LaGrange; two brothers, Archie Holst of Lakeview, Mich., and Mark Holst of Sturgis; two stepbrothers and their wives, Mark and Heather Engle of Goshen and Nic and Ashli Engle of Shipshewana; her grandmother, Virginia Lough of Sturgis; a special friend, Scott Royer of Burr Oak; and several nieces, nephews and cousins and aunts and uncles including Dale and Joann Lough of Sturgis and Joe Lough of Sturgis.

She was preceded in death by her father and her grandparents, Jack Holst, Kathryn Holst and Frank Lough.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis with the Rev. Robert Keim of First United Methodist Church in Sturgis officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to help with expenses and future needs of the children in care of Frances Engle, 2075 S. C.R. 445E, LaGrange, IN 46761.

Condolences may be sent online to www.legacy.com.

Carol Coler

HUDSON — Carol Ann Coler, 63, of Hudson died Sunday morning, Feb. 10, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Coler

Mrs. Coler was a homemaker and a member of Ashley Church of God. She was a 1962 graduate of Ashley High School. She bowled for many years in leagues in Auburn and Angola. She was an avid gardener and loved and cherished the time she spent taking care of and looking after her grandchildren.

She was born July 1, 1944, in Angola to James "Jim" and Jessie (Campbell) Dove. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Ashley.

She married Gerald Coler on Jan. 24, 1970, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jerry D. Coler of Waterloo, John W. and Diana Coler of Hudson, Lance J. and Trudy Coler of Westfield and Jamison D. and Michele Coler of Avon; 12 grandchildren, Lydia, Daniel, Shane, Rachel, John Michael, Tara, Sarah, Myranda, Christian, Evan, Malia and Mackensie; six great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Samarah, Eli, Aiden, Brae and Chase; and a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Teresa Dove of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jerry Dean Coler, a brother, Larry Dove, and a sister, Sally Noll.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Bob Neace will officiate. Burial will be in Orland Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ashley Church of God or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

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John Lothamer

HOWE — John Andrew Lothamer, 41, of Howe died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Lothamer was born in Kendallville on Sept. 16, 1966, to Paul A. and Shirley A. (McCoy) Lothamer.

He loved to coon hunt and owned three registered coon dogs. He enjoyed fishing and riding dirt bikes and snowmobiles. He collected Hot Wheels cars.

Surviving are his father and his companion, Paul Lothamer of Columbia City and Diana James of Fort Wayne; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Paul and Misty Lothamer of Columbia City, Ray Lothamer of Columbia City and Christopher Lothamer of Kimmell; a sister and brother-in-law, Tonya and Lake Poage of Columbia City; his paternal grandmother, Beverly Lothamer of Fort Wayne; his maternal grandmother, Ruby McCoy of Avilla; his girlfriend, Yvette Wood, and her daughter, Paula Wood, both of Howe; his ex-wife, Annette Maples, and her daughter Amber Farqhar of Connersville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by mother, Shirley, on July 28, 1997; his paternal grandfather, Edward Lothamer in 1999; his maternal grandfather, Raymond Gene McCoy; and a niece, Ashley Lothamer.

There are no services.

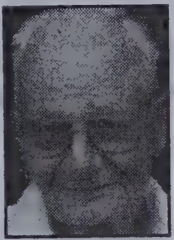
Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to help with funeral costs.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Olen Mason

EDON, Ohio — Olen K. Mason, 83, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in his home after a brief illness.


Mr. Mason

Mr. Mason was a farmer and self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Mount Union Christian Church near Edon, Ohio, and the Northwest Grange.

He was born Aug. 20, 1924, in Cambria, Mich., to Harley and Bertha (Moore) Mason.

He married Dorothy G. (Jerry) Coolman on March 4, 1944, in Angola. She died Nov. 16, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Walt Fitzcharles of Montpelier, Ohio, and Bonnie and Skip Nickens, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Barb Mason of Edon, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jack Mason of Montgomery, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Leo Mason.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Glen Prine officiating. Burial will follow in Billingston Cemetery near Edon.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Union Christian Church

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Rosella Bice

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Rosella Jean Bice, 70, of Hicksville died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, at 7:40 p.m. at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

She worked at Fountain Manor Nursing Home (Hickory Creek) in housekeeping for many years and was a janitor at First Church of Christ in Hicksville, where she also was a member. She was a graduate of Central High School in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed camping, crocheting, quilting and canning.

She was born Sept. 27, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Glenn and Myrtle (Beam) Dunlap.

She married Joseph Bice, who preceded her in death, and Whitey Schooley, who also preceded her in death.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Larry Damron of Defiance, Ohio, Kerry and Rick Sailer and Pam and Jeff Greenwalt, all of Hicksville, Melody "Poohie" and Greg Randol of LaGrange and Kathy and Cary Mallett of Sherwood, Ohio; three sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Twyla Bice of Bluffton, and Glen and Kelly Bice and Jake and Trisha Schooley, all of Hicksville; a brother, Loren of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Doris Guy and "Mike" Paulas; a brother, Bud; and a granddaughter, Haley Greenwalt.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville with Ken Wellman officiating. Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2–5 and 6–8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Church of Christ.

Dorothy Frick

MONGO — Dorothy L. Frick, 80, of Mongo died at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Harold Barkdull

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Harold R. Barkdull Sr., 77, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, in Winter Haven Hospital in Winter Haven, Fla., where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Mr. Barkdull retired in 1989 as a tool and die maker with General Motors Corp. He graduated from Spiceland High School in 1950, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He moved to Wolcottville in 1967. For many years, he and his wife spent the winters at Lake Hamilton in Haines City, Fla., and summers at Witmer Lake in Wolcottville. He enjoyed bowling, golfing and fishing.

He was born Sept. 10, 1930, in New Castle to Raymond and Ruhle (Sears) Barkdull. On April 29, 1960, in Alexandra, he married Betty J. Reed.

Surviving are his wife, Betty J. Barkdull of Wolcottville; one daughter, Trudi Meyer of Wolcottville; five sons, Michael Quinn of Ligonier, Jack Quinn of Ligonier, Randy Barkdull of Middle Town, Ind., Robin Barkdull of Fort Wayne and Harold Barkdull Jr. of Wolcottville; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Barkdull, and his mother, Ruhle Bush.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, North S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be on line at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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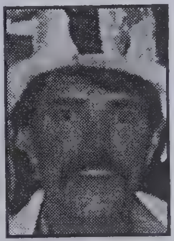
Ronald Marti

WATERLOO — Ronald Marti, 54, of Waterloo and formerly of Garrett, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.


Mr. Marti

Mr. Marti had worked as a mig welder for Tenneco in Ligonier since 1986. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Garrett Eagles and the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born May 13, 1953, in Auburn to Donald E. and Unis Margaret (Croy) Marti.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rick and Sandy Marti of Garrett and Randy and Denda Marti of Waterloo; his companion, Betty Sells; three nephews and three nieces, Deano Marti of Bloomington, Austin Jennings of Garrett, Devin Marti of Willard, Ohio, Holly Kimball of Waterloo, Sheena Chagoya of Garrett and Desiree Marti of Willard, Ohio; and a grandniece, Kay Lee Beard of Garrett.

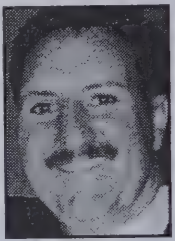
He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald Marti Jr.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

David Hostetler

GAYLESVILLE, Ala. — David Gordon Hostetler, 51, of Gaylesville, Ala., and formerly of Goshen died unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his mother's residence.


Mr. Hostetler

He spent most of his life in Elkhart County, and was a former employee of CMI in Bristol and EFP Corp. in Elkhart. In October 2007 he moved to Gaylesville to spend time with his mother and sister Christianne.

He loved animals, and was especially fond of birds. He was known to have his own private rookery of birds that often surprised visitors by flying around their heads when entering his home.

He loved NASCAR and was a fan of Rusty Wallace. He entertained others by serving as a DJ.

Mr. Hostetler loved spending time with family, especially his grandson and granddaughters.

On Aug. 1, 1956, in Goshen, he was born to Charles and Genevieve (Bocher) Hostetler.

Surviving are two daughters, Jessica May Salazar and Brittany Nicole Hostetler, both of Elkhart; a son, Christopher Hostetler of Goshen; three grandchildren; his mother and stepfather, Genevieve and Ernest Couch of Gaylesville, Ala.; his father and stepmother, Charles and Judy Hostetler of Daytona, Fla.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Christianne G. and Joseph P. Couch of Gaylesville, Ala., and Ernestine E. and Bill Keeley of Elkhart; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles C. and Patricia Hostetler of Middlebury, Bradley A. and Michelle Hostetler of Elkhart, Martin and Michelle Hostetler of Bristol, Daniel and Audi Hostetler of Elkhart, and Jason L. and Cathy Hostetler of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a stillborn son, David G. Hostetler, and a nephew, Glenn G. Hostetler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Gary Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury. Pallbearers will be his nephews, and his brothers will be honorary pallbearers.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Dale Jackson

HIGH LAKE — Dale Max Jackson, 78, of High Lake died at 11:41 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Among survivors are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rhonda and John Bridgegan of Churubusco, and Kim Lawson of Pineville, Ky.; and his companion, Mary Cramer of High Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Richard Bullock

MCALLEN, Texas — Richard L. Bullock, 70, of McAllen, Texas, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

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Gene Carper

STURGIS, Mich. — Gene C. Carper, 68, of Sturgis, Mich., and formerly of Middlebury died unexpectedly at 6:43 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Carper

He had worked at several local RV manufacturers including Shadow Cruiser in Howe.

Mr. Carper enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed assisting in local hog roast benefit dinners.

On April 1, 1939, in Centerville, Mich., he was born to Glen and Florence (Sweden) Carper. In October 1956, he married Suzann Thaden in Centerville. They later divorced. He spent more than 30 years with his soul mate, Barbara Carper Hewitt. She preceded him in death on Oct. 25, 2005.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Rebecca and Richard Mains of Sturgis, Mich., Christine Carper of White Pigeon, Mich., LuAnn and Rick Batt of Sturgis, Mich., Kelly and Robert Machan of Sturgis, Mich., Cindy and Brian Wilkinson of White Pigeon, Mich.; a son, Robert Carper of Union, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Lori and Todd Cypret of White Pigeon, Mich.; two stepsons, John Hewitt of Goshen, and Larry Hewitt, address unknown; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a sister, Jeanette Carper of Kalamazoo, Mich.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert Carper of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Larry and Dee Carper of Athens, Texas.

His parents, a son, Gene "Buddy" Carper, a brother, Franklin Carper, and two sisters, Delores Mummey and Phyllis Earl, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Burial will be in Prairie River Cemetery, Centerville, Mich.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Racine Smith

ALBION — Racine Smith, 63, of Albion, died today, Feb. 12, 2008, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel, Kendallville.

James Knowles

SHIPSHEWANA — H. "James" Knowles, 71, of Shipshewana died at 12:11 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Jan. 12, 1937.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Lucille Rummel

GOSHEN — B. Lucille Rummel, 90, of Goshen died at 4:55 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, in Greencroft Healthcare, Goshen.

She was a homemaker and attended Trinity Holiness Tabernacle in Goshen.

She graduated from Bluffton High School in Bluffton, Ohio, in 1935, and loved her family, bird watching, gardening and reading, especially the Bible.

On Dec. 21, 1917, in Hancock County, Ohio, she was born to Enos and Sarah (Niswander) Steiner. She married George William Rummel on April 17, 1949, in Bluffton, Ohio. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and William Flemming of Fort Wayne, and Sharon and Ralph Snyder of White Pigeon, Mich.; a son, Stephen Rummel of Kendallville; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, two daughters, Mary Lucille Rummel and Marcia Rummel, a sister, Mabel Mangus, and five brothers, Glen, Ray, Carey, Stanley and Irvin Steiner, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at The Meetinghouse at Greencroft, Goshen, with the Revs. Michael Johnson and Margaret Sawatsky officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at The Meetinghouse at Greencroft.

Memorials are in lieu of flowers to Greencroft Foundation, Trinity Holiness Tabernacle or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.rrefh.com.

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Dorothy Frick

MONGO — Dorothy Louise Frick, 80, of Mongo died at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Mrs. Frick

She moved to Mongo in 1955 and was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

She formerly worked as a waitress at the Glass House Restaurant in Howe. She enjoyed reading, embroidering and spending time with her grandchildren.

On Oct. 1, 1927, she was born in Stroh to Clifton and Sarah (Wilson) Leas. She married Leonard E. Frick on Sept. 29, 1946, in Salem Center. He preceded her in death on June 17, 2000.

Surviving are a son, Larry Frick of Angola; four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Jane and Don Musser of Waterloo, Gerri and Jim Idalaski of LaGrange, Sherry and Earl DePew of Mongo, and Terri and Max Clipfell of Syracuse; a sister, Esther Pairan of Orland; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, preceding her in death were a daughter, Cheryl Lynn Frick in 1972, a sister, Hilda Watts, and a brother, Duwayne Leas.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Pastor Ron Hyre of Messiah Fellowship in Brighton officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.

Calling is today from 5 to 8 p.m. or one hour prior to Wednesday's service at the funeral home.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Leona Gross

CHURUBUSCO — Leona M. Gross, 91, of Churubusco died at 2 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Regency Place, Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Edward A. Thompson, pastor of Good News Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday or one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

A full obituary for Mrs. Gross will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Shannon Graham

ANGOLA — Shannon L. Graham, 31, of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Graham was a supervisor at Therma-Tru in Butler.

He was a 1994 graduate of Bluffton High School.

He was born March 13, 1976, in Bluffton to R. Mike and Debra Markley Graham. He married Judy Johnson on Oct. 22, 1994, in Bluffton. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Braden Graham; three daughters, Ashlyn, Kiera, and Bria Graham; his mother, Debra Markley of Ossian, his father and step-mother, Mike and Karen Graham of Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, M. Shane and Dana Graham of Columbus, and Derek Graham of Bluffton; two stepsisters and a spouse, Alicia and Jay Plummer of Dayton, Ohio, and Mandi Barger of Churubusco; paternal grandparents, Robert and Betty (Faus) Graham of Bluffton; and maternal grandparents, Wayne and Winnie (Baller) Markley of Bluffton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapter in Bluffton, with the Rev. Larry Sprinkle officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children.

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Richard Stoneking

CORUNNA — Richard Douglas Stoneking, 77, of Corunna died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Stoneking retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving for 20 years from 1949-1969. He also worked at Phillips in Auburn and retired in 1993.

He was born Jan. 17, 1931, at Joplin, Mo., to Lloyd and Ruth (Mertz) Stoneking. They preceded him in death.

He married Edith T. Thomas on July 13, 1957, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Harlan. She survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Nancy and Ron Losure of Starkville, Miss., Ellen Stoneking of Chicago and Kay Miller of Indianapolis; two sons, Eric Stoneking of Laurel, Md., and Craig Stoneking of Marlton, N.J.; two grandchildren, Natasha Stoneking and Thomas Stoneking, both of Kearny, Mo.; one sister, Betty Mauk of Oceanside, Calif.; and one brother and sister-in-law, John and Dorothy Stoneking of Highland, Calif.

There are no services scheduled.

Calling will be Friday from 4-6 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Health Care Service, 1359 S. Randolph St., Garrett, or The Living Waters for the World. (Donations should be directed to Trinity Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in care of the Living Waters Committee, 607 Hospital Road, Starkville, MS 39759.

Carolann Davis

GARRETT — Carolann Davis, 61, of Garrett died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at 6:30 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Davis worked in the office at Dana Corp. in Chelsea, Mich., for 30 years and retired in 1994 from the Pottstown, Pa., plant. She also worked for 11 years in the shipping department at TRW in Garrett. She has lived in Garrett since 1995.

She was a member of the Plainfield United Methodist Church in Gregory, Mich. She also was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary, Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, UAW Local 164 in Auburn and Judy's Jewels Red Hat Society in Garrett.

She was an avid bowler and bowled in the Dana league.

She was born Dec. 19, 1946, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Wayne H. and Edna I. (Hadley) Geer. Her mother survives in Brighton, Mich.

Mrs. Davis

She married Gerald "Duke" Davis June 30, 1995, in Las Vegas, Nev. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Teresa Risner of Stockbridge, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Kelly Kalusha of Stockbridge; four granddaughters, Staci McDonald, Brittany McDonald, Amanda Risner and Katlyn Risner, all of Stockbridge; a grandson, Ryan Risner of Stockbridge; a great-granddaughter, Shailynn Romero of Stockbridge; a brother, Roger Geer of Dayton, Ohio; and two sisters, Patricia MacArthur of Brighton, Mich., and Judy Jacobs of Gregory, Mich.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dana Taylor officiating.

Calling will be from Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Additional calling will be Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Casket-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge. Burial will follow in Plainfield Cemetery in Gregory.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family and an online register can be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Mary Rowe

BLACKMAN LAKE — Mary Ann Rowe, 69, of Blackman Lake, Wolcottville, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, in Bradenton, Fla.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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Hilda Rasler

LAGRANGE — Hilda M. Rasler, 77, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rasler

Mrs. Rasler was a homemaker and was retired from Campbell Mushroom Farm after 20 years of service.

She lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

Mrs. Rasler was born on Oct. 1, 1930, in Wabash to Dewight and Ruth (Pugh) Garrison. She married Charles Rasler on June 24, 1949, in Kendallville. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are seven sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles and Barbara Rasler and Pat and Kelly Rasler, all of LaGrange, Gary and Candy Rasler of Wolcottville, Ed Rasler and his companion, Teresa, and Tim Rasler, all of Big Turkey Lake, Andy Rasler of Angola, and John Rasler of Big Long Lake; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four brothers, Shirley, Tom, Richard and Lynn Garrison, all of Kendallville; and two sisters, Juliann Berkley of Kendallville and Esther Rodgers of Talpa, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandsons, Jeffrey and Robby Rasler; and a brother, Eugene Garrison.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Racine Smith

ALBION — Racine Smith, 63, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at her residence with her family at her side.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker.

She had been an area resident for 55 years, coming from Kentucky.

Mrs. Smith attended Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

She was born Sept. 20, 1945, in Mousie, Ky., to Virgil and Ellen (Green) Wicker. She married Billy Smith Sr. on Sept. 23, 1961, in Lisbon. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Stacy and Rick Gavin of Wawaka and Selena and Daniel Hasselman of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Billy David and Sharon Smith of Rome City, Mark and Teresa Smith of Albion and Jason P. and Heather Smith of Albion; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Virgil "Bud" Wicker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Birtchel Mosley and Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute by Friday, or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Frederick Born

CHURUBUSCO — Frederick E. Born, 76, of Churubusco died at 1:03 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for the past three years, and had entered the hospital on Monday.

Mr. Born

Mr. Born spent his formative years in Columbia City and spent his adult life in Churubusco.

He had been employed for 18 years at Great Lakes Distributing (later Simpson Builder's Supply) in New Haven until it closed. He retired in 1993 as a forklift driver for Holmes & Company Inc. in Columbia City after 23 years of service.

He was born in Columbia City on May 23, 1931, to Joseph E. and Louella (Richey) Born. He married Phyllis L. Rollins on Nov. 12, 1949, in Churubusco. She died Feb. 17, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Roger Boggs of Churubusco and Brenda and Charles Johnson Sr. of Ossian; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard Sr. and Linda Born of Columbia City and Dennis and Sharon Born of Churubusco; a brother, Louis Born of Columbia City; a half brother and his wife, Duane and Barbara Richey of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sharon Alexander; 13 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Ernest Born.

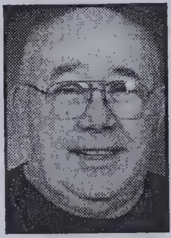
Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

H. 'James' Knowles

SHIPSHEWANA — H. "James" Knowles, 71, of Shipshewana died unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after apparently suffering a heart attack Saturday.


Mr. Knowles

Mr. Knowles was a 24-year veteran of the Indiana State Police. He had worked as a dispatcher until retiring in 1984. He had also taught at the police academy in Plainfield for two years and had worked for Cardinal Buses in Middlebury for 18 years.

He had served as a substitute teacher for the Westview school system for 20 years, retiring from there in 2004.

Mr. Knowles was a charter member of the Shipshewana Lions Club and a member of the Great Lakes GMC Motor Home Club.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1959.

Mr. Knowles was a member of the Middlebury American Legion Post and a charter member of the Shipshewana Area Historical Society and was its current president. He had served as treasurer of the LaGrange County Historical Society.

He was born Jan. 12, 1937, in Elkhart to Harold James and Vera (Murray) Knowles. He married Jean West on June 20, 1959, in Seattle, Wash. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Tom Knowles and Joe Knowles, both of Shipshewana; four grandchildren; a great-grandson; two sisters, Janice and Dan Ryan of Colon, Mich., and Jeannie and Michael Combest of Indianapolis; and a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Kay Knowles of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Lima United Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles McPeek and the Rev. Brenda Burnworth officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lima United Methodist Church or Shipshewana Area Historical Society.

Miller-Stewart Funereal Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Marjorie Shull

EAU GALLE, Wis. — Marjorie Kay Shull, 37, of Eau Galle, Wis., and formerly of Red Wing, Minn., died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at her home.

Born June 22, 1970, in St. Paul, Minn., she attended St. Joseph Catholic School in Red Wing and Red Wing Central High School. She moved to Kansas and then to Houston, Texas, before moving to Downsville, Wis. She started her own painting business, MJ's Painting, and also bartended at TJ's Bar in Downsville.

Ms. Shull

Surviving are her father, Glenn Shull, of Excelsior, Minn.; her mother, Katherine "Kitty" (McEiver) Shull of Red Wing; three siblings and a sister-in-law, Jim and Jackie Shull of East Bethel, Minn., Terry Grant of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Jennifer Shull of Red Wing; her paternal grandmother, Garnet Shull of Auburn; an aunt, Sheila Purdy of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Jordan Shull; a niece, Natalie Grant; and her boyfriend, Robert Anibas.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, L.D. Shull; one aunt, Elizabeth L'Allier; and one uncle, Ronald Lee Shull of Auburn.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel in Red Wing, Minn., with the Rev. Darwin Reeck officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Leona Gross

CHURUBUSCO — Leona M. Gross, 91, of Churubusco died at 2 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness.

She spent all of her adult life on the family farm in Smith Township in Whitley County until moving into Churubusco late in life to be near her daughter.

Mrs. Gross

As a young woman she worked at Blue Bell in Columbia City for seven years, and retired in 1981 from Dana Corp. in Churubusco after 17 years.

She had been a member of the former Blue River Church of God for many years, and was currently a member of Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. She also was a member of the Churubusco Literary Club and the Whitley County Homemakers.

She enjoyed serving in her church, gardening and especially her family.

She was born on July 18, 1916, to John Lawrence and Ella E. (Clayton) Diffendarfer in Green Township in Noble County at the old Green Center Store her parents owned. She married Herbert L. Gross in Columbia City on Sept. 23, 1937. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Richard Baughman of Churubusco; a sister, Bonnie Heintzelman of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Irene Diffendarfer of Fort Wayne; and two granddaughters, Melissa Baughman of Churubusco, and Lori and Kevin Haydl of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Diffendarfer in 1984, and a granddaughter, Stacey Baughman in 1972.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Edward A. Thompson, pastor of Good News Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Good News Baptist Church, Alzheimer's Association or the Churubusco Public Library.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Richard Bullock

MCALLEN, Texas — Richard Lee Bullock, 70, of McAllen, Texas, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his residence. He had been ailing for two years.

Mr. Bullock retired as a tool and die maker with Dana Corp. in 2000 after 39 years of service.

He enjoyed observing the weather, music and spending time with his friends.

Mr. Bullock was a member of the Hoosier Cruiser Motorhome Club and loved to travel until he moved permanently to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

He was born Oct. 1, 1937, in Wolcottville to Dean and Laura (Murray) Bullock. On Jan. 31, 1985, he married Carol E. Wright in Van Wert, Ohio. She survives in McAllen.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lori Ehmke of Waterloo; a son, Chad Bullock of Bristol; three stepsons, David Grone and Dale Grone, both of Fort Wayne, and Daniel Grone of Sammamish, Wash.; 20 grandchildren; three sisters, Elisabeth Malone of Ligonier, Ruth Shaw of Three Rivers, Mich., and Ruby Ferro of LaGrange; and his first wife, Sherry Bullock of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dean Bullock; his mother, Laura Rasler; and two sisters, Carol Bullock, who died as an infant, and N. Joyce Bacon.

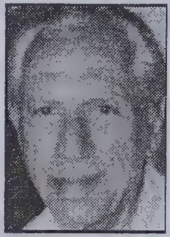
Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to CIMA Hospice, 5317 N. McColl, McAllen, Texas, 78504.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dale Jackson


Mr. Jackson

HIGH LAKE — Dale "Max" Jackson, 77, of High Lake near Albion died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City following a brief illness.

Mr. Jackson had owned Commercial Coatings Inc. for 20 years before retiring in 1990.

He graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jackson will be remembered for his "carny" lifestyle and deep Christian spirit. He loved to fish and hunt and at the age of 68 captured an eight point buck.

He was born in Fort Wayne to Elga Siefert and Gladys (Rottger) Jackson.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and John Bridegan of Churubusco, Kim and Clyde Lawson of Stoneyfork, Ky., Leslie and Larry Eckert of Auburn, Debbie and Louis Arumbula of Fort Wayne and Rebecca and Larry Stewart of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Victoria Jackson of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Rosemary and Bob Smith of Fort Wayne; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Paul and Gloria Jackson of Fort Wayne and Jack "Pat" Jackson and his companion, Mary Cramar, of South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Jackson, and two daughters, Margaret Jackson and Linda Jackson.

There are no services or calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Businessman Kenneth Lash dies at 77

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth William Lash, 77, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Lash

In 1948, Mr. Lash and his father started his construction business, K. Lash & Sons Inc. His sons continue to operate the business today. K. Lash & Sons was the developer of Hollybrook Heights, the first apartment complex, and the first condominium complex in Kendallville. His company has constructed more homes than any other builder in Noble County, which totaled more than 800 homes by 2006.

He graduated as class president from Kendallville High School in 1948. His co-ed team won the national 4-H vegetable judging championship in 1949 for the third consecutive year in Washington, D.C. The team was coached by Dale Schinbeckler.

Mr. Lash enjoyed flying and obtained his private pilot's license in 1955. He had served on the Kendallville Aviation Board of Directors for 33 years.

He was past president and a member of the Kendallville Youth Center and a 40-year member of the Kendallville Factory Sites Committee.

Mr. Lash was past president and a 33-year past member of the Kendallville Rotary Club and a past Kendallville Chamber of Commerce board member. He had been a Kendallville Elks Lodge member since 1960.

He enjoyed wintering at Fort Myers, Fla., for 28 years, boating on Lake Erie, and building and flying model planes.

Mr. Lash was born in Albion on April 9, 1930, to Kenneth W. Sr. and Gertrude (Schumk) Lash. He married Ellen Jean Kline on Jan. 14, 1950, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his mother, Gertrude Arnold of Kendallville; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Beverly Lash, Steve Lash and his companion, Elisa Ellsworth, and Tracey Lash, all of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Ford Frick of Avilla; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Phyllis Lash of Kendallville; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sheila and Bill Gage of Albion and Lavinn and Don Hyland of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, Lee Lash, in 2005.

Private family services will be Friday at Hite Funeral Home.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Municipal Airport.

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Ulysses G. Inzer, 79

KENDALLVILLE – Ulysses G. Inzer, age 79, of Kendallville, passed away on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Mr. Inzer was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on May 6, 1928 to Walter Glen Inzer and Ella Mae (Whedbee) Inzer.

He entered the United States Army and served his country from 1945 until 1948.

He married Lottie Davidson on May 2, 1960 in Chicago, Illinois and was retired from Carriage House Apartments in Kendallville as facilities superintendent.

He was a member of the American Legion Post in Avilla.

Survivors include: his wife, Lottie Inzer of Kendallville; Son and daughter-in-law, Charles (Cathy) Inzer of Avilla; three daughters, Lisa Campbell of Avilla, Sherri (unknown last name) of Florida, Donna (John) Best of Michigan; nine grandchildren, Kyle Inzer, Crystal Inzer, and Michele Campbell all of Kendallville; Michael Campbell and Brittney Chagoya of Avilla; Michelle of Florida, and Tammy Best, John Best, Jr., and Kenny Best; two great grandchildren, Camryn Osbun and Caydence Becker; a brother, Paul (Glennadean) Inzer of California and a sister, Lucy (John) Byrd of North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lois Fuller; and three brothers, Wilford, Howard and George Inzer.

No Visitation or funeral.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville in charge of the arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Janet Kay Hooley, 58

FORT WAYNE – Janet Kay Hooley, 58, of Fort Wayne, passed away Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, 3:15 p.m., at her residence, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on March 21, 1949, in Goshen, to Robert and Nancy (Stoltz) Sutton. She married Byron R. Hooley on June 17, 1972; he survives. She lived in the Fort Wayne area for 36 years, and taught as an elementary school teacher for 32 years. A 1967 graduate of Westview High School, she went on to earn a Bachelors degree in elementary education from Manchester College in 1971, and a Masters degree in elementary education from IPFW in 1974. She was a member of Central Church, and was a past President of the board of directors for the Power House Youth Center in New Haven.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Abby (Benji) Knox of Pinnacle, N.C., Cory (Sarah) Hooley of New Haven and Derek (Angela) Hooley of Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren, Cameron, Sadie and Myles Knox of Pinnacle, N.C.; mother, Nancy Sutton of Topeka, Ind.; and two sisters, Jane (Vern) Cookson of Indianapolis and Julie (Doug) Feightner of Albion, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, February 15, 2008 at Central Church, 5801 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Brian Gerig and Pastor Don Delagrange officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2008 from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Eden Cemetery, Topeka, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Power House Youth Center, 830 Main St., New Haven, IN 46774. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Arrangements by Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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John Andrew Lothamer, 41

HOWE – John Andrew Lothamer, age 41, of Howe, died on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at his residence near Howe.

Mr. Lothamer was born in Kendallville on September 16, 1966 to Paul A. Lothamer and Shirley A. (McCoy) Lothamer.

John loved to coon hunt and owned three registered coon dogs. He enjoyed fishing, riding dirt bikes and snowmobiles. He also collected Hot Wheels cars.

Survivors include: his father, Paul Lothamer of Columbia City and his companion, Diana James of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Paul (Misty) Lothamer of Columbia City, Ray Lothamer of Columbia City, Christopher Lothamer of Kimmell; a sister, Tonya (Lake) Poage of Columbia City; many nieces and nephews; paternal grandmother, Beverly Lothamer of Fort Wayne; maternal grandmother, Ruby McCoy of Avilla; girlfriend, Yvette Wood and her daughter, Paula Wood both of Howe; Ex-wife and her daughter, Annette Maples and Amber Farqhar of Connersville, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by mother, Shirley, who died July 28, 1997; paternal grandfather, Edward Lothamer in 1999; maternal grandfather, Raymond Gene McCoy and niece, Ashley Lothamer.

Visitation will be Wednesday 5:00-8:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

No Funeral Service scheduled.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hite Funeral Home to help the family with funeral costs.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Esther Margaret Zawadzke, 95

AVILLA – Esther Margaret Zawadzke, age 95, of Avilla, passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 (the day before her 96th birthday) at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Zawadzke was born in Kendallville on February 7, 1912 to John Zawadzke and Katherine (Streb) Zawadzke.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1930 as valedictorian and she was first in her class at International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She lived many years on Central Drive and Concord Village in Fort Wayne. For 30+ years, she worked in civil service with the Internal Revenue Service as a delinquent tax auditor. She never owned nor drove an automobile. After retirement, she helped seniors with their taxes at the Senior Citizens Center in Fort Wayne. She also volunteered at the Allen County Public Library.

Mrs. Zawadzke was a member of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She traveled extensively throughout the world and she enjoyed playing bridge and card games.

She also liked to work jigsaw and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include: three nephews, Harold (Charlotte) Zawadzke of Albion, David (Bertha) Zawadzke of Wolcottville; and Thomas Zawadzke of Sevierville, Tennessee.

She is also survived by several great nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Zawadzke was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Paul Zawadzke, Sr. and Johnny Zawadzke; sister, Martha Bodenhafer.

Also two nephews, Paul Zawadzke, Jr. and Steve Zawadzke and a niece, Sharon Noel.

Funeral Services were February 9, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Steven Ensley from Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home, St. Francis Neighborhood or Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Laura "Dotty" L. Avey, 90

OSSIAN — Laura "Dotty" L. (Norbeck) (Wehage) Avey, 90, of Ossian and formerly of Van Wert, Ohio, died at 12:26 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Woodcrest Nursing Center, Decatur.

Mrs. Avey had been a homemaker and had formerly worked in clothing retail sales and also worked at the family-run bakery in Delphos, Ohio.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ossian and former member of First Presbyterian Church in Van Wert, Ohio. She belonged to the Ladies Aide and Christian Fellowship of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was also an avid traveler and had wintered in Arizona for many years.

She was born Sept. 1, 1917, in Rockford, Ohio, to Benjamin and Clora (Shaffer) Norbeck.

She was married to Herman Wehage, who died in 1965, and then married Glen Avey, who survives in Ossian.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Susan Wehage of Van Wert, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Clora and David Meyer of Avilla; two stepsons and their spouses, David G. Avey of Magley and Donald H. and Sandra Avey of Ossian; two stepdaughters and a spouse, Joan M. Nixon of Fort Wayne and Janet L. and Richard Reinhart of Brownsburg; six grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, and two stepgrandchildren.

Services were held February 10, 2008 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home and Crematory, Van Wert. The Rev. William Brege officiated. Burial took place at Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

Memorials may be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Alzheimer's Association or Family Hospice of Berne.

Condolences may be sent to agfhc@embarqmail.com

David Hostetler, 51

GAYLESVILLE, Ala. — David Gordon Hostetler, 51, of Gaylesville, Ala., and formerly of Goshen died unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his mother's residence.

On Aug. 1, 1956, in Goshen, he was born to Charles and Genevieve (Bocher) Hostetler.

He spent most of his life in Elkhart County, and was a former employee of CMI in Bristol and EFP Corp. in Elkhart. In October 2007 he moved to Gaylesville to spend time with his mother and sister Christianne.

He loved animals, and was especially fond of birds. He was known to have his own private rookery of birds that often surprised visitors by flying around their heads when entering his home.

He loved NASCAR and was a fan of Rusty Wallace. He entertained others by serving as a DJ.

Mr. Hostetler loved spending time with family, especially his grandson and granddaughters.

Surviving are two daughters, Jessica May Salazar and Brittany Nicole Hostetler, both of Elkhart; a son, Christopher Hostetler of Goshen; three grandchildren; his mother and stepfather, Genevieve and Ernest Couch of Gaylesville, Ala.; his father and stepmother, Charles and Judy Hostetler of Daytona, Fla.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Christianne G. and Joseph P. Couch of Gaylesville, Ala., and Ernestine E. and Bill Keeley of Elkhart; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles C. and Patricia Hostetler of Middlebury, Bradley A. and Michelle Hostetler of Elkhart, Martin and Michelle Hostetler of Bristol, Daniel and Audi Hostetler of Elkhart, and Jason L. and Cathy Hostetler of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a stillborn son, David G. Hostetler, and a nephew, Glenn G. Hostetler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Gary Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury. Pallbearers will be his nephews, and his brothers will be honorary pallbearers.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Leona M. Gross, 91

CHURUBUSCO -- Leona M. Gross, 91, a resident of Churubusco and widow of prominent Smith Township farmer Herbert L. Gross, died at 2 a.m. Monday, February 11, 2008, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gross was born on July 18, 1916 in Green Township in Noble County at the old Green Center Store, which her parents, John Lawrence and Ella E. (Claxton) Diffendarfer, owned and operated. She spent her formative years in Noble County and graduated from Albion High School in 1934.

On September 23, 1937 she was married in Columbia City to Herbert L. Gross, and spent all of her adult life on the family farm in Smith Township until moving into Churubusco late in life to be near her daughter. As a young woman she was employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City for seven years, and retired in 1981 from Dana Corporation in Churubusco after 17 years.

She had been a member of the former Blue River Church of God for many years, and was currently a member of the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. She was also a former member of the Churubusco Literary Club and Whitley County Homemakers. Mr. Gross preceded her in death on April 25, 1998.

Surviving are daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Richard Baughman of Churubusco; her sister, Bonnie Heintzelman of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Irene Diffendarfer of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren including Melissa Baughman of Churubusco.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Diffendarfer in 1984; and by a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Edward A. Thompson, pastor of Good News Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary today from 2-8 p.m. or one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be at the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Good News Baptist Church, Alzheimer's Association, or the Churubusco Public Library.

Condolences for the family are to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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The Family of
Chad McGuire
would like to "Thank" all of our friends and neighbors who were there with comfort, food, flowers and memorials for our loss. We appreciated your thoughtfulness and support during this time.

Jenny McGuire and Family
Jerry & Judy McGuire
Carl & Pauline McGuire
Sue & Bill Sandell

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 14, 2008, Thursday

Dale Messer

ALBION — Dale Messer, 79, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Messer

Mrs. Messer was employed with Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 20 years.

She was a member of the Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield.

Mrs. Messer loved to read, crochet, cook and travel.

She was born in Mill Creek, Ky., on Sept. 7, 1928, to William and Rebecca (Short) Roark. She married the Rev. Jesse W. Messer on March 10, 1946. He died in January 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Teri and Eddy Roark of Albion, Rhonda Handshoe of Albion and Robin Tackett of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jesse Messer Jr. and Karen Markward of Avilla; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Ilda and Elmer Terry of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Helen Roark of Richmond, Ky.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Jennifer Messer in October 2001; and a great-granddaughter, Jesslyn Gallo in 2004.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brimfield Revival Center with the Rev. Brett Frick and the Rev. Ergel Calhoun officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers will be Hector Gallo, Jesse W. "Bill" Messer III, Justin Handshoe, Ray Gulick, Michael Gulick, Rodney Walker, Danny Calhoun and Willis Terry.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Friday at Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Marian Trim-Kidd

LIGONIER — Marian F. Trim-Kidd, 80, of Ligonier died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Trim-Kidd worked as a sales clerk for Danners Department Store in Ligonier, and was employed there until it closed.

She moved to Ligonier 20 years ago from Howe.

She attended Millersburg Church of Christ.

Her interests included being an advocate for animals. She enjoyed her flower garden and loved to fish and to read.

She was born June 17, 1927, in Sturgis, Mich., to Floyd and Ethel (Shelly) Trim. She married Dennis Kidd who died in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Lu Anne Richmond of Ligonier; a sister, Barbara Magnus of Sturgis; and a nephew, Scott Magnus of Sturgis.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at J.A Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter or ASPCA.

Tina Lyon

ANGOLA — Tina L. (Davis) Lyon, 46, of Angola and formerly of Decatur and Bluffton died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lyon

Mrs. Lyon was a homemaker.

She was born on July 21, 1961, in Decatur to William Davis and Carol Bercot. She married Brant Lyon on Jan. 5, 1982. He died March 3, 2000.

She is survived by a son, Zachary Lyon of Angola; three daughters, Brittany Lyon of Angola, Amanda Lyon of Fort Wayne and Taylor Byrne of Angola; her father, William Davis of Hot Springs, Ark.; her mother and stepfather, Carol and Mike McCulloch of Fort Wayne; her companion, Jim Byrne of Angola; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gary and Deb McCulloch of Fremont, Jim McCulloch of Angola and Mark and Regina McCulloch of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Kyle Dietzen of Syracuse, Sheila and Jim Jesionowski of Indianapolis and Jessica and Greg Taylor of Benton, Ark.; and a grandson, Neil Patrick of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur, with graveside services at 2 p.m. at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children's education fund.

Condolences may be left at www.hardandsefton.com.

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Mary Rowe

Mrs. Rowe

BLACKMAN LAKE — Mary Ann Rowe, 69, of Blackman Lake near Wolcottville died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at Bradenton Hospice Hospital in Bradenton, Fla., after suffering a stroke the previous week.

Mrs. Rowe retired in 1994 after 33 years as a teacher at Northcrest Elementary School in Fort Wayne, teaching third, fourth and fifth grades.

She was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church, the Odyssey Investment Club in LaGrange, the Friendship Club in Wolcottville, the Toastmasters clubs of Kendallville and LaGrange, LaGrange Retired Teachers Association, and was past president and treasurer of the Historic Auto Club in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 28, 1938, in Mulberry to Floyd J. and Mary R. (Rothenberger) Ellis. On Sept. 11, 1976, in Fort Wayne, she married Russell R. "Bud" Rowe. He survives at Blackman Lake.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Gina Rowe of Lafayette; two grandchildren, Brandon Rowe and Kyla Rowe; a sister, Lois Jane Zellers of Kingmond; and a brother, Sam W. Ellis of Lebanon.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John J. Ellis.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at South Milford United Methodist Church with the Rev. Barbara Cross officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

E. Corine Rumsey

Mrs. Rumsey

KALASKA, Mich. — E. Corine Rumsey, 82, of Kalkaska and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at the Eden Center at Kalkaska Memorial Hospital in Kalkaska.

Mrs. Rumsey retired from King Seeley in Kendallville and had worked at Essex in Ligonier.

She enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles and playing cards.

She was born Sept. 30, 1925, in St. Louis, Mo., to Leslie and Georgia (Parrish) Westbrook. She married Donald LaMotte in 1941 and he died in 1953. She then married James Rumsey in 1956 and he died in 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia LaMotte of Palm Coast, Fla., and Michele Pecar of Mancelona, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Wendy LaMotte of Kendallville; a sister, Patsy Gleckler of Wauseon, Ohio; eight grandchildren, David and Catina LaMotte Jr. of Garrett, Christ and Carla LaMotte of Kendallville, Jeremy and Tanya Holliday of Traverse City, Mich., Candi and Will Braun of Columbus, Ohio, Erin DeLong and Ben of Auburn, Brandon Rumsey of Hudson, Christina Diedo and Devil Lake, Mich., and Thomas Pecar; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death in by her parents.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Mike McKinney of Rome City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Grant Strong

WABASH — Grant Strong, 85, of rural Wabash died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, at 2:29 a.m. at Wabash County Hospital.

Mr. Strong

Mr. Strong graduated from Tri-State University and attended several other colleges. He worked for more than 10 employers in four states, including NASA, General Electric, Kaiser Aluminum, Essex Wire, National Packaging and Auburn Rubber. He retired from General Tire and Rubber Co. in Wabash in 1985 after 17 years.

He worked in copper, aluminum, plastic, chemicals, textiles and rubber. He held four patents and was a registered professional engineer in three states.

He was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in Wabash and was active in all his church memberships. He was involved in starting four new churches in three states and was a supporter of the Lord's work. His priority in life was to show God's love and lead others to Christ.

He enjoyed photography and making homemade windmills. He was an inventor and enjoyed tinkering in the workshop. He was a U.S. Army veteran and had lived in Wabash County since November 1967.

He was born Jan. 30, 1923, in St. Joe to George L. and Lu Reign (Thomas) Strong.

He married Faye E. Alwood in Butler on June 28, 1952. She died July 10, 1997.

Surviving are a son, George Strong of Wabash; a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Ron McCormick of Lansing, Mich.; two grandchildren, Ryan McCormick and his wife, Alyson, and Rachel McCormick, all of Lansing, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Lois Jean Strong of St. Joe; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Alice Hose of Butler, June and Arville Brown of Kendallville and Coral Steckley of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd Strong, and a sister, Blanche Cook.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with John Leinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in rural Butler.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Hilda Rasler

LAGRANGE — Hilda M. Rasler, 77, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rasler

Mrs. Rasler was a homemaker and was retired from Campbell Mushroom Farm after 20 years of service. She lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

Mrs. Rasler was born on Oct. 1, 1930, in Wabash to Dewight and Ruth (Pugh) Garrison. She married Charles Rasler on June 24, 1949, in Kendallville. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are seven sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles and Barbara Rasler and Pat and Kelly Rasler, all of LaGrange, Gary and Candy Rasler of Wolcottville, Ed Rasler and his companion, Teresa, and Tim Rasler, all of Big Turkey Lake, Andy Rasler of Angola, and John Rasler of Big Long Lake; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four brothers, Shirley, Tom, Richard and Lynn Garrison, all of Kendallville; and two sisters, Julia Ann Burkley of Kendallville and Esther Rodgers of Tucumcari, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandsons, Jeffrey and Robby Rasler; and a brother, Eugene Garrison.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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John Bell

LEHIGH ACRES, Fla. — John A. Bell, 66, of Lehigh Acres and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Bell retired as a first sergeant after 29 years of service with the United States Army. He then retired from the Lehigh Acres Post Office.

Survivors include three sisters, Joyce Allen of Sarasota, Fla., Kathy Linthicum of Auburn and April Kemerly of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; and his parents, Clarence "Ding" Bell and Betty Hart Bell.

Military services will be at 11 a.m. Feb. 22 at Lee Memorial Park Cemetery at Fort Myers, Fla.

Anderson Funeral Home of Lehigh Acres is in charge of arrangements.

Lynda Tackett

KENDALLVILLE — Lynda J. Tackett, 64, of Kendallville died today, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
February 14, 2008, Thursday

Thelma Fisher

GOSHEN — Thelma Fisher, 95, of Goshen died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital.

She had retired from Hook's Drug Store in Goshen.

Mrs. Fisher had attended Rock Run Church of the Brethren and was baptized there in 1924.

Mrs. Fisher

She enjoyed spending time with her family, working in her flower garden and singing.

Mrs. Fisher had wintered in Orlando, Fla., for 23 years.

She was born Feb. 8, 1912, in Elkhart County to Harvey and Mae (Berkey) Kauffman. She married Vernon Fisher on Nov. 2, 1930. He died Oct. 10, 1980.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, June and Walter Hartman and Violet and Bill Goodsene, all of Elkhart, and Alta Hershberger of Ligonier; four sons and five daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Barbara Fisher of Middlebury and Robert and Maxine Fisher, Stephen and Diane Fisher, Dennis and Sandy Fisher and Marjorie Fisher, all of Goshen; 29 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Allen, on Nov. 25, 1991; a grandson, Allen Eugene Fisher; three sisters, Faye Leichty, Lois Douma and Opal Bailey; and a brother, Stanley Kauffman.

Services were Saturday at Rock Run Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Tim Waits officiating. Burial was in Rock Run Cemetery.

Memorials are to Rock Run Cemetery Association.

Ervin Miller

TOPEKA — Ervin M. Miller, 80, of Topeka died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer and owner of Miller's School Book Store.

He was a senior deacon in the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 28, 1927, in LaGrange County to Jacob and Mary (Miller) Miller. He married Mary Lambright on Jan. 15, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Wilma and Ernest Eash, Elizabeth and Jerry Miller and Sara and Orva Yoder, all of LaGrange, Ruby and Howard Miller of Hillsboro, Wis., and Edna and Samuel Schrock of Topeka; four sons and daughters-in-law, Orva and Esther Miller of Topeka, Elmer and Irene Miller of Hillsboro, Wis., Melvin and Beulah Miller of Ligonier and Omer and Fannie Miller of Vevay; a daughter-in-law, Ruby Miller of Topeka; 70 grandchildren; 100 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Clara and Ezra Bontrager of Wolcottville; and a brother, Eli Miller of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Eli Miller; a grandson, Ervin Miller; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services were Saturday at the family residence. Burial was in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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Harold Barkdull

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Harold R. Barkdull Sr., 77, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, in Winter Haven Hospital in Winter Haven, Fla., where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Mr. Barkdull retired in 1989 as a tool and die maker with General Motors Corp. He graduated from Spiceland High School in 1950, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He moved to Wolcottville in 1967. For many years, he and his wife spent the winters at Lake Hamilton in Haines City, Fla., and summers at Witmer Lake in Wolcottville. He enjoyed bowling, golfing and fishing.

He was born Sept. 10, 1930, in New Castle to Raymond and Ruhle (Sears) Barkdull. On April 29, 1960, in Alexandra, he married Betty J. Reed.

Surviving are his wife, Betty J. Barkdull of Wolcottville; one daughter, Trudi Meyer of Wolcottville; five sons, Michael Quinn of Ligonier, Jack Quinn of Ligonier, Randy Barkdull of Middle Town, Ind., Robin Barkdull of Fort Wayne and Harold Barkdull Jr. of Wolcottville; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Barkdull, and his mother, Ruhle Bush.

Services were held this morning at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be on line at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Racine Smith

ALBION — Racine Smith, 63, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at her residence with her family at her side.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker.

She had been an area resident for 55 years, coming from Kentucky.

Mrs. Smith attended Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

She was born Sept. 20, 1945, in Mousie, Ky., to Virgil and Ellen (Green) Wicker. She married Billy Smith Sr. on Sept. 23, 1961, in Lisbon. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Stacy and Rick Gavin of Wawaka and Selena and Daniel Hasselman of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Billy David and Sharon Smith of Rome City, Mark and Teresa Smith of Albion and Jason P. and Heather Smith of Albion; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Virgil "Bud" Wicker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Birtchel Mosley and Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute by Friday, or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Lynda Tackett

KENDALLVILLE — Lynda J. Tackett, 64, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2008, at her residence with her family at her side.

Mrs. Tackett was a homemaker.

She attended Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon and Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church in Belleville, Mich.

She was born March 10, 1943, in Bay City, Mich., to Emmons G. and Josephine (Gillen) Miller.

She married Walker Tackett in Virginia in 1968. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Walker J. Tackett of Richmond, Va., Emmons J. and Jessica Tackett of Powhatan, Va., and James L. Tackett of Kendallville; three daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia A. VanHoose and Anna F. Pack, both of Paintsville, Ky., and Elizabeth A. and Woody W. Mason of Rome City; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her father, Emmons G. Miller of Bay City, Mich.; and two brothers, Mike Miller of Bay City, Mich., and Bill Miller of Goose Creek, S.C.

She was preceded in death by her mother; a son, Charles L. Tackett; and a sister, Cathy Miller.

There will be private family services.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Velma R. Heckber

OSSIAN — Velma R. Heckber, 82, of Ossian died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, at the home of her daughter in Rome City.

Mrs. Heckber was a homemaker. She was a volunteer seamstress at Ossian Healthcare.

She was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and its Rosary Sodality.

Mrs. Heckber was also a member of Auxiliary of American Legion Post 111 and the Ossian Women's Conservation Club.

She was born June 22, 1925, in Yoder to Edward and Anna (Krouse) Sorg. She married Dale Heckber on Oct. 12, 1946, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. He died Nov. 11, 1987.

Surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Michelle Heckber, Steve and Kathy Heckber, Michel and Julie Heckber and David and Judy Heckber, all of Ossian, Gene and Karol Heckber of Fort Wayne, and Tom and Pam Heckber of Yoder; a daughter, Lori Heckber of Rome City; and a family friend, Susan Miller of Rome City; 20 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Edwin and Wilbur Sorg.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-9 p.m. Sunday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian, with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Additional calling will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church building fund, Masses, or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Ryan Hart

FORT WAYNE — Ryan J. Hart, 20, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 18, 1987, in Bluffton.

Surviving are his mother, Tina Hart; a brother, Joshua Jellison; a sister, Heather Hart-Bryant; his godfather, John Craighead; his grandmother, Sharon Jellison; two uncles, Tom Jellison Jr. and Scott Jellison; four nephews, Gage and Tricen Smith and Treytn and Darian Bryant; and a niece, Arden Lacey.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Tom Jellison Sr., and an uncle, Jack Jellison.

Services were Tuesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Ryan J. Hart fund in care of Mid West American Federal Credit Union.

Glenn Moore

SPENCERVILLE — Glenn F. Moore, 88, died Thursday evening, Feb. 14, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Bette Rank

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Bette Rank, 67, died Friday, Feb., 8, 2008, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

She was the wife of Larry Rank, a 1953 graduate of Auburn High School.

Mrs. Rank worked for more than 20 years in the non-profit and education fields, including work at Johns Hopkins University and the American Foundation for Urologic Disease in Baltimore. She served on a number of community boards, including the Baltimore Zoo and American Red Cross. At the time of her death she was a consultant for the Simon Foundation of Chicago.

She was known to her family and friends for having creative tastes and talents. She loved animals, owned numerous dogs and helped tend to her granddaughter's pets. She was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling. She and her husband made numerous trips to Europe and Africa.

She is survived by Larry Rank, her husband for 49 years. He worked at and later became president of Provident Bank of Maryland. He retired in 1990, and the couple moved in 1998 to Phoenix, Ariz., where Mrs. Rank spent time every day with her granddaughters.

Also surviving are a son, Kevin Rank of Silver Spring, Md.; a daughter and son-in-law, Karin and Jonathon Gray of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two granddaughters, Kendall and Chapin Gray, both of Phoenix.

Services and burial were Tuesday in Phoenix.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

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Murderer gets 45-year term

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Lionel Cox Jr. leaves the Noble County Courthouse Friday under guard to begin serving his 45-year sentence for murder in the death of Patrick Biddle.

ALBION — A Waterloo man was sentenced to 45 years in prison for murder in an emotional hearing Friday in Noble Superior Court I.

Lionel Cox Jr., 22, broke down as he spoke after hearing a statement from Jessica Biddle, the only daughter of the man he murdered.

"My name is Jessica Biddle, and you killed my father," Biddle said to Cox. "He isn't here to speak for himself or tell what happened to him on March 5, 2007."

Biddle's father, Patrick S. Biddle, was murdered in his home at Drake Terrace Apartments in Kendallville by Cox and, allegedly, by co-conspirator Charles Chorpenning. Both men have already pleaded guilty to the murder and other related charges.

Cox pleaded guilty Jan. 8 to murder, a felony; burglary, a Class B felony; and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, a Class D felony. Murder is the only felony in Indiana not to be designated as Class A, B, C or D.

"You have stolen so much from us," Jessica Biddle said to Cox, her voice choking as she wept. "I've lost a father. My daughter will never remember her grandfather. … There is no one like him, and there is so much more I needed to learn from him."

Jessica Biddle, appointed as the victim's representative in the case in May 2007, recounted panic attacks, the fear of break-ins and the loss of a relationship in the wake of the emotional trauma her father's death caused.

She described having to go into his bedroom, where he was murdered, to get his things — seeing the cut-out section of carpet where his body had lain, and fingerprint powder everywhere.

Her father was killed "brutally, torturously, painfully," she said, and killed for money, a guitar and Bible.

"I never got the chance to say

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goodbye, to tell him how much I loved him," she said to Cox. "No amount of time will ever replace the life of my father. … Regardless of what happens today, though, you will have to stand before God."

When Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch asked Cox if he had anything to say, the defendant broke down sobbing as he said, "I could say a million words right now, but nothing can be changed. I just hope that both Biddle's family and mine can forgive me."

Defense attorney Kevin Likes said Cox had known Chorpenning "for all of three days" when the crime occurred. He also asserted that an officer's report said Chorpenning was the more culpable of the two men.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said it was important to remember who the hearing was about. "It's about Patrick Biddle," he said.

The plea agreement in the case set Cox's sentence at 45 years, the minimum penalty for murder. That reflects the fact that Chorpenning is believed to be more culpable than Cox.

Chorpenning is facing 47 to 107 years in prison at his March 4 sentencing after he pleaded guilty Dec. 4, 2007, to charges of murder, a felony; burglary, a Class B felony; five Class D felony offenses; and being a habitual offender, a sentence enhancer.

> *"There is not a sentencing that can make things right for the Biddle family or the Cox family, but we're pleased that we are one step closer to closure for the family of Patrick Biddle."*
>
> **Steven Clouse**
> Noble County prosecutor

But Cox still has six other cases pending between Noble and DeKalb county courts, Clouse said. They could add up to seven more years in prison.

"He was committing burglary and during the commission of that burglary an innocent victim was killed," Clouse said. "That was Patrick Biddle."

Cox's past wouldn't suggest this offense, Clouse said. "You look through the criminal history and you look through the family. There wasn't a warning sign."

But a long lock-up is needed because of the nature of the offense, Clouse said. "Patrick Biddle was a complete stranger to Lionel Cox. That obviously makes us question who would be safe."

Cox's actions made both Biddle's family and his own secondary victims, Clouse said.

Kirsch said the premeditation of the crime disturbed him the most. Cox and Chorpenning stole zip-ties from a hardware store to tie up Biddle and rob him.

"Frankly, in many ways, you cannot repay society for what you've done," Kirsch said. Biddle's family and friends certainly can't be repaid.

Kirsch said he had "a little problem" with ordering only the minimum sentence in this case, but trusted the state, so he accepted the agreement.

Kirsch sentenced Biddle to 45 years for the murder, 20 years for the burglary and three years for the D felony, all to be served at the same time. He gave him 317 days' credit for time served and ordered him to pay a $100 fine and $160 in court costs.

As per the plea agreement, related charges of confinement and theft, each a Class D felony, were dismissed against Cox.

Asked for a comment after the hearing, Clouse said, "There is not a sentencing that can make things right for the Biddle family or the Cox family, but we're pleased that we are one step closer to closure for the family of Patrick Biddle."

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Glenn Moore

SPENCERVILLE — Glenn F. Moore, 88, died Thursday evening, Feb. 14, 2008, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore worked for 46 years in the maintenance department at Magnavox. He was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church, Spencerville Community Club and Spencerville Covered Bridge Festival and was a lifetime member of the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department and the St. Joe Lions Club. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born Nov. 19, 1919, in Hicksville, Ohio. to Enos C. and Lola B. (Elliott) Moore.

He married Betty "Jean" Longbrake on Dec. 12, 1942, in Spencerville. She died March 24, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Moore of Fort Wayne and Robert Moore of Blackshire, Ga.; two daughters, Deloris "Dee" Davis of Bowling Green, Ky., and Charyl Zeisloft of Auburn; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Paul Moore of Huntington and Ted Moore of Mt. Dora, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandaughter, Chelsea Menshy; a great-grandson, Dalton Hathaway; three brothers, Lee, Akin and Ray Moore; and six sisters, Maxine Kelley, Marguerite and Esther Moore, Leila Bloemke, Martha Parker and Elizabeth Stemen.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2–7 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials to the Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Jamie Miller

LAGRANGE — Jamie Lynn Miller was stillborn on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Surviving are his parents, Jerry and Rosetta Miller; one sister, Emma Marie Miller; two brothers, Paul John Miller and Jason Harvey Miller; and his grandparents, Jacob and Emma Yoder, all of LaGrange, and Jacob P. and Nettie Miller of Cassville, Wis.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Heidi Ann Miller on Sept. 14, 2007.

Burial was at Mast Cemetery in LaGrange on Friday.

Damon Casey

AUBURN — Damon W. Casey, 74, of Auburn, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Casey

Born in Walkerton, Mr. Casey was a train dispatcher and chief clerk for CSX Transportation, formerly the B&O Railroad, for 41 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett. He was a U.S. Navy 3rd Class Petty Officer from 1953-57 and a plank owner on USS Tom Green County LST 1159.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, gardening and bird watching.

He was married April 2, 1960, at the Washington Congregational Church in Toledo, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Judy A. Casey of Auburn; two sons, Gregory W. Casey of Auburn and Timothy D. Casey of New Haven; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Lori Casey of Buchanan, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Kylie, Austin, Rilley, Payton and Sean Casey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Henry and Clara Helen Casey, and two brothers, Dennis and Daniel Casey.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett, with military graveside rites by the Garrett post of the American Legion and the U.S. Navy.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Worship for Shut Ins or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Pauline Hickman

LIGONIER — Pauline E. Hickman, 74, of Ligonier died at 12:36 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for 2 1/2 years and had been a resident of Avalon Village Nursing Home since September 2005.

Mrs. Hickman was a homemaker. She enjoyed word search puzzles, playing cards and being with her grandchildren.

She was born Oct. 24, 1933, in Kendallville to Walter G. and Ruth E. (Harron) Hass. A 1952 graduate of Rome City High School, she married Robert Hickman at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion on Nov. 26, 1955. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Lin Hickman of North Webster; a daughter, Denise Baker of Ligonier; a brother, Kenneth Hass of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Ann and Phil Juif of Goshen and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Courtney Baker.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Erick Riddle officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers will be Donald Hickman, Adam Tomlinson, Harold Bailey, Warren Patrick, Scott Mundon and Russ Mundon.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Online condolences or the signing of an online register may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Ella Mae Fike

GARRETT — Ella Mae "Johnny" Fike, 84, of Garrett, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Fike was a homemaker and a member of the Zion 16 Lutheran Church.

She was born Sept. 19, 1923, in Garrett to Thomas J. and Clara B. (Steinbruner) Noel. They preceded her in death.

She married Arthur Junior Fike on June 26, 1943, in Gatesville, Texas. He died Nov. 10, 2003.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Steven Arthur Fike and Kay Fike of San Francisco, Calif., Laurin Thomas and Janice Fike of Garrett and Jack Nathan and Sharon Fike, all of Garrett; four grandchildren, Lisa Marie Fike of San Francisco, Brian Michael Fike of Garrett, Matthew Ross Fike of Constantine, Mich., and Kyle Nathan Fike of Auburn; and a great-granddaughter in Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Edwin C. Noel, and a sister, Marie Schulthess.

Private family services be held, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Rita Bolenbaugh

ANGOLA — Rita M. Bolenbaugh, 77, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and VFW Auxiliary, George Anspaugh PST 7205. She also enjoyed golfing and knitting.

Mrs. Bolenbaugh worked at Magnavox and GE in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 9, 1930 in Offenbach, Germany, to Franz and Elizabeth (Engelhart) Hau. She married Alfred Bolenbaugh on April 2, 1955. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Heidy and Neil Rexroth of Ossian; one brother, Hans Karl Hau of Offenbach; two sisters, Martha Streun of Offenbach, and Margarite Fraser of Angola; one stepgrandchild; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one infant son and a brother, Franz Hau.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's associations.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors and include additional information.*

E. Corine Rumsey

Mrs. Rumsey

KALASKA, Mich. — E. Corine Rumsey, 82, of Kalkaska and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at the Eden Center at Kalkaska Memorial Hospital in Kalkaska.

Mrs. Rumsey retired from King Seeley in Kendallville and had worked at Essex in Ligonier.

She enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles and playing cards.

She was born Sept. 30, 1925, in St. Louis, Mo., to Leslie and Georgia (Parrish) Westbrook. She married Donald LaMotte in 1941 and he died in 1953. She then married James Rumsey in 1956 and he died in 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia LaMotte of Palm Coast, Fla., and Michele Pecar of Mancelona, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Wendy LaMotte of Kendallville and Michael Rumsey of Fort Wayne ; a sister, Patsy Gleckler of Wauseon, Ohio; eight grandchildren, David and Catina LaMotte Jr. of Garrett, Chris and Carla LaMotte of Kendallville, Jeremy and Tanya Holliday of Traverse City, Mich., Candi and Will Braun of Columbus, Ohio, Erin DeLong and Ben of Auburn, Brandon Rumsey of Hudson, Christina Diedo of Devils Lake, Mich., and Thomas Pecar of Mancelona, Mich.; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was also preceded in death in by her parents.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Mike McKinney of Rome City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Clarence Dilley

AVILLA — Clarence L. Dilley, 89, of Avilla and formerly of Churubusco died Friday, Feb. 15, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had been a resident for five years.

He worked for Indiana and Michigan Power Co. before retiring in 1983. Mr. Dilley was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the World War II era.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1918, in Webster City, Iowa, to Verne LeRoy and Ethel May (Litten) Dilley. On June 22, 1944, he married Anna Frances Schiffli at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo. She died March 25, 1994.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Patricia Dilley Jr. of Churubusco, Stan and Cherie Dilley of Bluffton and Tony and Patricia Dilley of New Whiteland; four daughters and sons-in-law, Rose and Scott Uhl of Avilla, Joellen and Ray Solga of Alabama, Kathy and Tim Wenning of Michigan and Larene and Ron Pulver of Leo; a sister, Bertha Parker of Des Moines, Iowa; a brother, Harold Dilley of Litchfield, Minn.; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; one grandchild; one great-grandchild and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sacred Heart Home.

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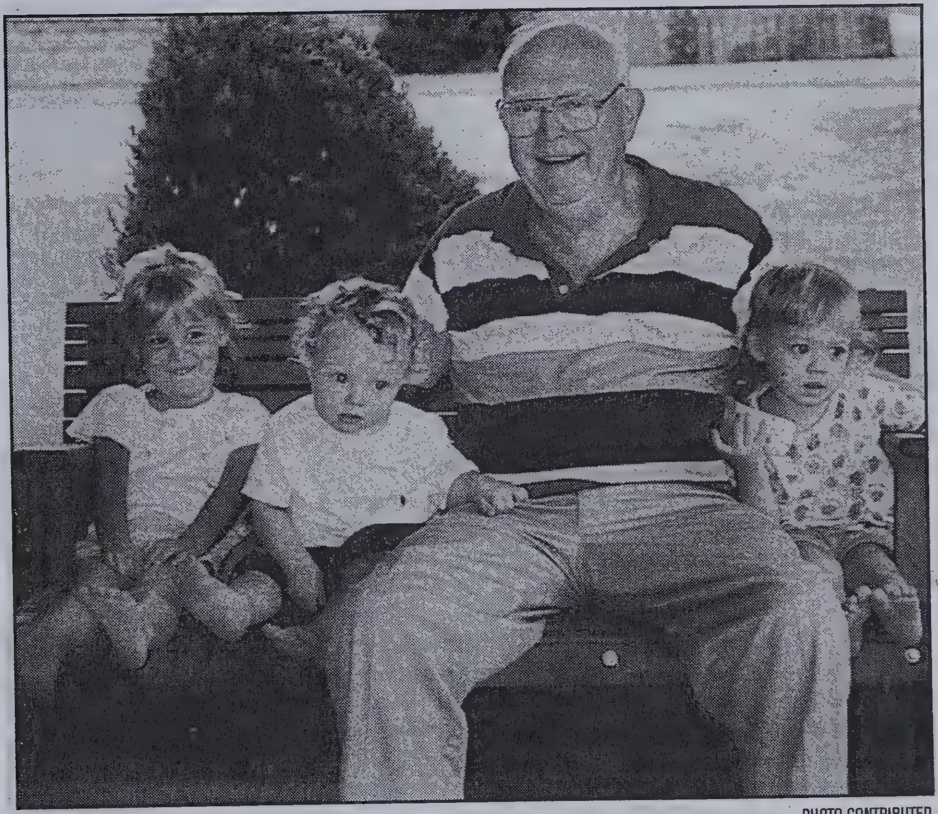
Martin's life about involvement



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Ralph Martin was a lifelong Angola resident who was active in many area organizations. Here he sits at his former home on West Maumee with three of his grandchildren, Ali, Zane and Andrea.

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — More than 70 years ago, Ronald Rose lived in rural Steuben County and had to come into Angola for schooling. Nervous about coming into town every day, he soon met a friend, a lifelong friend who he said would always be ready with a good joke.

Ralph Martin, Rose's friend for 70 years, and an active member of the Angola community from the time he was born here, died Jan. 28, at age 82. Martin had served as Tri-State University controller for 30 years and had been involved in a number of organizations and activities in the area.

Rose remembered how often he would stay with Martin and his parents at their home in Angola, rather than walking back to his home during the week. The jokes Martin would tell, he said, stayed with them throughout their friendship.

Mr. Martin

"No one knew Ralph that didn't know him to have a great joke whenever you saw him," Rose said. "We would talk about jokes that he made 40 years ago. Nobody else has that sense of humor. He was one of those people who could find the humor in a funeral."

Rose and Martin both went into the Navy together during World War II and attended both Indiana University and Tri-State following their return. Rose worked at Martin's father's automobile dealership, where Martin worked for a time, before Martin left to work for Tri-State.

"We were the best man at each other's wedding. He helped to raise my son. I helped to raise his children. It was one of those friendships you can't measure."

Martin met his wife Patricia, when he was working at the dealership.

"We met in Fort Wayne," Partake Martin remembered. "He came to see my roommate, who he'd sold a car to." She remembered her husband as "a great father," who stayed active in the community.

Martin helped to manage Tri-State's finances during a major growth period for the school. Rose said he knew few people better suited to the job.

"He was one of the greatest mathematicians I've ever known," Rose said. Martin's son, David, said his father probably taught dozens of auditors about how universities managed their books during his time at the school.

In addition to his role at Tri-State, Martin served as secretary of the Masonic Lodge in Angola, was a longtime member of the Angola American Legion Post No. 31, as well as serving on the Angola Park Board, the Steuben County Historical Society and Lions Club. He performed in community theater productions and also served on the "chain gang" at football games, long after his own sons had left high school.

David Martin remembered his father as someone who was always willing to work for the betterment of the area.

"When he was on the park board, even if he opposed something, but the vote went the other way, he would always work to the utmost to make it happen," he said.

Martin managed to extend his service throughout the county after he retired. He and Rose walked across all the railroad lines that marked the county for a history of the railroads in the area. Rose and Martin were also responsible for the current numbering system used by the county.

"We drove to every mailbox, every road, in this van with a desk in it," Rose said. "The county had been given this old telephone van. One of us would sit at the desk and have the old plat books out and marked every house. We drove every road in this county. We would find people without mailboxes. We'd find these driveways if we passed them."

Rose said he knew Martin better than members of his own family.

"I have brothers and sisters, and I probably know Ralph as much as I know them. No one else I know has a friend for 70 years," Rose said.

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Civic leader John Hutchins dies

KENDALLVILLE — Longtime Kendallville businessman and civic leader John Berhalter Hutchins, 73, died at 4:10 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

Mr. Hutchins

A fifth-generation funeral director, Mr. Hutchins had been active in his profession for 55 years.

Mr. Hutchins was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church and a member of Kendallville Lodge No. 276, F.&A.M., the Scottish Rite and Elks Lodge No. 1194. He served on the Factory Sites board of directors and Junior Achievement board of directors. He was a past president of the United Fund and a past president and member of the Kendallville Rotary Club. He was general chairman of the original Cole Center Family YMCA Capital Funds Drive.

He was a past president of the National Funeral Directors Association and a past president of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association.

Mr. Hutchins is survived by his wife, the former Sherrell "Sherry" Harter, whom he married in 1956. Other survivors include a daughter, Stacia, and a son, John Scott.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

John Hutchins

KENDALLVILLE — John B. Hutchins, 73, of Kendallville, died Saturday at 4:10 p.m. at his residence.

He had been a funeral director in Kendallville for 55 years.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

John White

ANGOLA — John Howard White, 95, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at his son's home in Angola.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. White are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Ina German

ANGOLA — Ina Lucile Callender German, 93, of Angola died in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Carole Sue and Dean Shank, on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008.

Mrs. German

Mrs. German was an active member of the Flint United Methodist Church and had been Sunday School superintendent, youth leader, president of the United Methodist Women, church pianist and choir director. She enjoyed teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school many years.

Her hobbies included reading, playing cards and piano, needle work and sending cards to shut-ins. She was a wife, homemaker, mother and grandmother to many. She loved to cook special meals for family birthdays.

She was the Flint correspondent for the Steuben Republican and later the Herald-Republican for many years. She spent much of her youth at the Callender Hardware that her mother owned.

She was born in Angola on Oct. 2, 1914, to Rolla and Anabel (Remoley) Callender. She was a graduate of Angola High School.

She married Murl Benjamin German on March 2, 1932, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 2000.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Michael Morgan of Webster, N.Y., Julia Jean and Perry Stauffer of Elkhart, Carole Sue and Dean Shank of Angola, Betty Jo and William "Bob" Rodgers of Auburn, and Deborah and Daniel Murphy of Shipshewana; and one daughter-in-law, Ann German of Angola. Also, 14 grandchildren, Robert A. and Thomas Morgan, Vickie Bryan, Robert Stauffer, Michael German, Shari Harrington, Beverly Coolman, Steven D. and Mark V. Shank, Angela Upchurch, Candace Kaiser, Wade Bernitt Rodgers, Joshua Murl Murphy and Christina Bovee. Also, 28 great-grandchildren, Sean, Michal Kathryn, Charissa, Emily, Dalton and Erin Morgan; Jennifer Bryan; Sarah Shultz; Amanda Asbell; Jessica Thompson; Lindsey Thomas; Matthew, Zachary and Barrett German; Jacob and Lydia Strohl; Christian and Alex Harrington; Emma L. Shank; Dennis and Maygan Lucile Upchurch; Thelma, Geneva, Benjamin and Carolyn Murphy; and Alegra, Diella and Josiah Bovee. Also, six great-great-grandchildren, Chandler and Caitlyn Asbell, Evan and Drew Thompson, Atreyu Bryan-Safara and Katherine Shultz.

She also was preceded in death by an infant sister; two sons, Merrill Roy and Milo Kent German; and three grandsons, Joseph Morgan, Timothy Stauffer and Scott E. Shank.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Flint United Methodist Church, Flint, with her grandson, Pastor Robert A. Morgan officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and one hour before the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Robert Stauffer, Thomas Morgan, Michael German, Steven Shank, Mark Shank, Joshua Murphy and Wade Rogers.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and the Flint United Methodist Church.

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Kendallville businessman John B. Hutchins dies at 73

KENDALLVILLE — John B. Hutchins, 73, prominent Kendallville businessman and native, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at 4:10 p.m. at his residence following a recent illness.

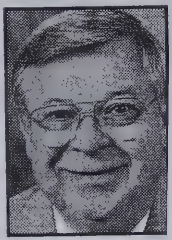
Mr. Hutchins graduated from Kendallville High School in 1952 and from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1953. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hanover College in 1957, majoring in business and psychology.

He served six years with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Mr. Hutchins served 55 years in funeral service. In 1958, Mr. Hutchins joined the family funeral home in Kendallville. In 1973, he purchased the Williams Funeral Home in Wolcottville. As a fifth generation funeral director, he celebrated 125 years of his family's service to the community in 1985. The funeral homes were sold in 1989, with all personnel remaining, including Mr. Hutchins. In 2006, the funeral homes were sold back to longtime employees Kathy and Pat Young.

Mr. Hutchins' professional affiliations included membership in and serving as past president (1985-86) of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA). He was also a member and past president (1972-73) of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association (IFDA), and a member of the International Federation of Thanatologists and the Associated Funeral Directors Service. He served as past chairman of the American Board of Funeral Service Education and received continuing education awards from the Indiana Funeral Directors Association from 1976 through 2007.

He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Kendallville; a 50-year member of the Kendallville Lodge No. 276 F.&A.M.; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the Shrine; past president of the Kendallville United Fund and Kendallville Elks Lodge No. 1194.


Mr. Hutchins

Mr. Hutchins was a lifetime member and past president of the Kendallville Rotary Club. During his year of presidency the Kendallville Rotarians were awarded the Outstanding Club Award in District 654. He helped form the first Interact Club of Rotary for young people in Indiana.

He was a past member of the Kendallville Park and Recreation Board of Directors; past member of the Noble County Red Cross Board of Directors; president of the East Noble school board building corporation for North Side and Wayne Center school constructions; past member of the Baseball Commission; board member and past president of Junior Achievement; vice president of Factory Sites of Kendallville; and chairman of fundraising for the Cole Center Family YMCA.

Mr. Hutchins was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by the state of Indiana; a Kentucky Colonel by the state of Kentucky; and an Arkansas Traveler by then Gov. Bill Clinton. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary.

He was born May 15, 1934, in Kendallville to Myron C. and Beverly (Berhalter) Hutchins. He married Sherrell Jean "Sherry" Harter on Sept. 1, 1956, in Indianapolis. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Stacia and Edward Stump of Kimmell; a son and daughter-in-law, J. Scott and Tracy Hutchins of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Sheryl and Ben Hawkins of Wolcottville, Ethan Henry of Kendallville, Thomas Henry of Kimmell, Jocelyn Hutchins of Kendallville, Justin and Laura Stump of Columbia City and Andrew Stump of Wolf Lake; four

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great-grandchildren, Wyatt Petrie-Hawkins, Madison Hawkins, Jeremiah Blake Hawkins and Jayden Stump; a sister, Jalna J. Lang of Kingwood, Texas; a niece, Leslie Lang; and a nephew, Todd Lang.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Byron Harter Hutchins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Bower, Emmett Lovett, Jack Jollief, Jerry Davis, Tom Burke, John Mulholland, Bob Czupryn, H H Critchfield, Dave Hosler, Darol Stroman, Duane Axel, John Thrapp, Craig Fischer, Glen Cook, Duane Hanes, and the NFDA and IFDA past presidents. Active pallbearers will be Sheryl Hawkins, Ethan Henry, Thomas Henry, Jocelyn Hutchins, Pat Young, Adam Young, Beth Mosley, Hal "Howdy" Schuman, Erica Dekko and Joe Freed.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m., Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorials are to the Noble County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Fisher

LAGRANGE — Robert D. Fisher, 82, of LaGrange died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Fisher was a farmer and retired after 32 years of service from Sealed Power Corp. in LaGrange.

He was a lifetime resident of Springfield Township in LaGrange County.

Mr. Fisher was born on Feb. 23, 1925, in Springfield Township to Ralph A. and Wava L. (Sherman) Fisher. He married Beverly June Biddle on Oct. 3, 1950, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marie E. and Dennis James of Oxford, N.J.; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Ida Fisher of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Kreg Fisher of Spring Valley, Minn., Jeanne DeVinney of Fort Wayne, Spencer James of Indianapolis, Travis James of Mt. Arlington, N.J., and Brian James of Oxford, N.J.; and three great-grandchildren, Jordyn DeVinney, Jaxson DeVinney and Caleb Fisher.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Evelyn M. Appleman.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date at East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Albion woman drowns

Karen Behm dies while vacationing in Costa Rica

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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ALBION — A rural Albion woman died in a drowning accident last week while vacationing in Costa Rica with her husband and friends.

Karen Ann Behm, 44, died Wednesday in a swimming accident, her husband, Dennis Behm, said Monday.

"She died while doing what she loved, vacationing with family and friends," he said.

Mrs. Behm enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Eagle Glen Monday Night Ladies' Golf League at Eagle Glen Golf Club in Columbia City.

For the past five years she worked at J & K Communications in Columbia City and previously worked for Reelcraft from 1984 to 1996.

See the obituary for Mrs. Behm on Page A4 in today's edition.

Behm

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Karen Behm

ALBION — Karen Ann Behm, 44, of Albion died at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, while vacationing with her husband and friends in Costa Rica.

She had been employed the past five years at J & K Communications in Columbia City. Prior to that she had worked at Reelcraft from 1984-1996.

Mrs. Behm

Mrs. Behm graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1981.

She enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Eagle Glen Monday Night Ladies Golf League. She enjoyed spending time with her dogs.

Born on March 18, 1963, she was the daughter of Jimmy E. Hoppas and Shirley A. Rosen. She married Dennis R. Behm in Columbia City on Oct. 23, 1981. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Shirley A. and James Bradley of Columbia City; her father and stepmother, Jimmy E. and Sara Hoppas of Columbia City; a sister, Pam Listenberger of Churubusco; a brother, Tony Angel of Pierceton; five stepsisters and their husbands, Becky and Randy Bays of Warsaw, Ferol and Matt Hawkins of Greensburg, Ky., Lisa and Charles Williams of Logansport, Cheryl and Rick Schlechty of Portland and Marie and Rex Wieble of Houiland, Ohio; two stepbrothers, Joseph Holloway of Warsaw and John McCloughan and his wife, Nicki, of Kentucky; two sisters-in-law, Cathy Smith of South Bend and Jennifer Weigold and her husband, Steve Weigold of Ligonier; two brothers-in-law and their wives, David and Polly Behm and Dan and Joanne Behm, all of Columbia City; and her mother-in-law, Carolyn Behm of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Ed Behm; and her grandparents, Ed and Clara Hoppas, Violet Graves and James Rosen.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

To send a condolence or sign the guest register book, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Helen Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Trowbridge, 87, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Among her survivors are her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Jerry Laughlin of Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Elizabeth Combs

ROME CITY — Elizabeth "Liz" Combs, 75, of Rome City died at 10:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange where she had been a patient since Saturday.

Mrs. Combs was raised in Knott County, Ky., and had lived in the Rome City area since 1953.

Mrs. Combs

She attended Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Mrs. Combs was a homemaker.

She was born June 9, 1932, in Knott County, Ky., to Hiram and Bessie (Field) Short. She married R.J. Combs on June 13, 1949, in Knott County. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lydia and Mike Bell of Wetmore, Mich., and Mylea Morgan of Rome City; a son and his companion, Lamont J. Combs and Linda Klein of Kendallville; two sisters, Dallie Slone and Tootsie Owens, both of Kentucky; four grandchildren, Melissa, Coy, Jeremy and Robbie; and three great-grandchildren, Shai-Lynn, Robert Dean, and Mya Nichole.

She was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Makayla Elizabeth; and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Russell Hicks and Elder Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after noon Wednesday at the church with an evening service at 6.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Albert Stricklin

WATERLOO — Albert L. Stricklin, 71, of Waterloo and formerly of North Webster, died of natural causes Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, at 10:55 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

Mr. Stricklin was a truck driver for more than 20 years. He lived in North Webster for several years before moving to Waterloo. He was a member of American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.

He was born Feb. 12, 1937, in Pricedale, Pa., to Albert and Cathrine (Vukovich) Stricklin. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Lee Marie Stricklin of El Cajon, Calif.; two sisters, Elizabeth Hamm of Warsaw and Evelyn Groves of Syracuse; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Joyce Stricklin of Syracuse and Robert and Judy Stricklin of Greensburg, Pa.

No services or calling are planned. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, of Syracuse is handling arrangements.

Joseph Garceau

GREENCASTLE — Joseph Robert Garceau, 65, of Greencastle, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at his residence.

A former Auburn resident, he had been a self-employed engineer for several years.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Garceau of Colorado and John Garceau of Germany, and a brother, Arthur, of Danville.

A memorial service is planned for a later date in Auburn.

Chandler-Hays Funeral Home in Greencastle is handling arrangements.

Clifford Kuhn

ROME CITY — Clifford Kuhn, 88, of Rome City died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at his home.

A native of Shelbyville, Mr. Kuhn was a bricklayer and had also worked for Zollner Corp.

He enjoyed birdwatching, woodworking, reading and architectural designing.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Howard Miller of Ventura, Calif.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Sheryl and Remo Lucci of Tinley Park, Ill.; a stepson and his wife, James and Chris Hatfield of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Jason, Michelle, Joel, Mark and Marissa; and five great-grandchildren, Corey, Bailey, Riley, Katie and Bryce.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Kuhn; and a son, Clifford Martin Kuhn.

Services were Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity or the Asthma Foundation.

Amy Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Amy Mae (Troyer) Bontrager, 89, of Middlebury died at 10:02 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at her residence.

Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing.

She was a member of Fairhaven A.M. Church in Goshen.

She was born July 1, 1918, in Limon, Colo., to Christ and Elizabeth (Miller) Troyer. She married David A. Bontrager on Nov. 24, 1938, in Middlebury. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Katie and Larry Slabaugh of Nappanee and Amy and Glenn Yoder of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Carolyn Bontrager of Shipshewana, Herman and Jeanette Bontrager of Akron, Pa., and David and Rose Bontrager of Middlebury; 22 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ella Miller of Middlebury, Sue Bontrager of Due West, S.C., and Wilma and Henry Herschberger of Goshen; and a brother and sister-in-law, Cephas and Jean Troyer of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, Owen, Lester, Ora and Leroy Troyer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Fairhaven A.M. Church, S.R. 4, Goshen. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct errors.*

Ina German

ANGOLA — Ina Lucile Callender German, 93, of Angola died in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Carole Sue and Dean Shank, on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008.

Mrs. German

Mrs. German was an active member of the Flint United Methodist Church and had been Sunday School superintendent, youth leader, president of the United Methodist Women, church pianist and choir director. She enjoyed teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school many years.

Her hobbies included reading, playing cards and piano, needle work and sending cards to shut-ins. She was a wife, homemaker, mother and grandmother to many. She loved to cook special meals for family birthdays.

She was the Flint correspondent for the Steuben Republican and later the Herald-Republican for many years. She spent much of her youth at the Callender Hardware, which her mother owned.

She was born in Angola on Oct. 2, 1914, to Rolla and Anabel (Ramaley) Callender. She was a graduate of Angola High School.

She married Murl Benjamin German on March 2, 1932, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 2000.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Michael Morgan of Webster, N.Y., Julia Jean and Perry Stauffer of Elkhart, Carole Sue and Dean Shank of Angola, Betty Jo and William "Bob" Rodgers of Auburn, and Deborah and Daniel Murphy of Shipshewana; and one daughter-in-law, Ann German of Angola. Also, 14 grandchildren, Robert A. and Thomas Morgan, Vickie Bryan, Robert Stauffer, Michael German, Shari Harrington, Beverly Coolman, Steven D. and Mark V. Shank, Angela Upchurch, Candace Kaiser, Wade Bennitt Rodgers, Joshua Murl Murphy and Christina Bovee. Also, 28 great-grandchildren, Sean, Michal Kathryn, Charissa, Emily, Dalton and Erin Morgan; Jennifer Bryan; Sarah Shultz; Amanda Asbell; Jessica Thompson; Lindsey Thomas; Matthew, Zachary and Barrett German; Jacob and Lydia Strohl; Christian and Alex Harrington; Emma L. Shank; Dennis and Maygan Lucile Upchurch; Thelma, Geneva, Benjamin and Carolyn Murphy; and Alegra, Diella and Josiah Bovee. Also, six great-great-grandchildren, Chandler and Caitlyn Asbell, Evan and Drew Thompson, Atreyu Bryan-Safara and Katherine Shultz.

She also was preceded in death by an infant sister; two sons, Merrill Roy and Milo Kent German; and three grandsons, Joseph Morgan, Timothy Stauffer and Scott E. Shank.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Flint United Methodist Church, Flint, with her grandson, Pastor Robert A. Morgan, officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and one hour before the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Robert Stauffer, Thomas Morgan, Michael German, Steven Shank, Mark Shank, Joshua Murphy and Wade Rodgers.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and the Flint United Methodist Church.

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Richard Mathys

GARRETT — Richard E. Mathys, 78, of Garrett died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Mathys

Mr. Mathys was a conductor for the B&O Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1989. He was a veteran of the U.S Navy, serving during the Korean conflict.

He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and F.O.E. 1357 of Garrett and was well-known for his woodworking skills.

He was born June 7, 1929, in Geneva to Clinton and Jesse (Runkle) Mathys. They preceded him in death.

He married his wife, Mary Ellen, on Nov. 9, 1952, in Muncie. She died June 22, 2007.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Fred Klink of Garrett, Cynthia and Brian Higbee of Angola, Terri and Kim Hendrickson of Garrett and Linda and Steve Grimm of Garrett; a son, Jeff Mathys of Garrett; nine grandchildren, Shannon, Megan and Kacy Hardenbrook, Jessica Hildebrant, Kimberly Hendrickson, Jennifer Garringer, Stephanie Patton, Madyson Grimm and Stephen Mathys; 11 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Beatrice Isch of Berne, Bernice Bransteter of Berne, Irene Birch of Monroe and Roberta Isch of Decatur; and a brother, Raymon Mathys of Geneva.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Mathys, and three brothers, Clifford Mathys, Doyle Mathys and Robert Mathys.

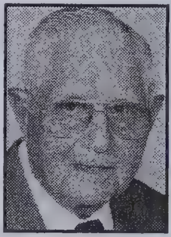
Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Michelle Isch officiating. Military services will be conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Children of Cincinnati, 3229 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, Attention: Donation Department.

John White

ANGOLA — John "Howard" White, 95, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at his son's home in Angola.


Mr. White

Mr. White was a water treatment plant supervisor for the Indiana Toll Road before retiring. He was also a farmer.

He was a 50-year member and elder of the North Scott Christian Church and attended Angola Christian Church. He enjoyed parties at the family barn, known as the White House Annex, and enjoyed playing cards, gardening and farming. He was a graduate of Mitchell High School. In his younger years he also worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in the state during the 1930s.

He was born Oct. 24, 1912, in Orange County to Absalom David and Viola (Ellis) White. Both preceded him in death. He married Maxine B. Teegardin on Aug. 23, 1941, in Waterloo. She preceded him in death on Nov. 3, 2006.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Jack Hexter of Tolland, Conn., and Patsy and Keith Stevenson of Ossian; a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Sherri White of Angola; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Teegardin Cemetery in Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to A New Day Adult Day Services in Auburn.

Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Harvey Hite

WARREN — Harvey Hite, 110, of Warren, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Mr. Hite was the oldest living man in Indiana. He had been a lifelong farmer in Wells, Blackford and Huntington counties. He also worked at Esty Piano Co. in Bluffton. He loved to hunt and garden and loved his animals.

Mr. Hite

He attended Rock Creek School. He was a member of the Huntington Church of the Brethren.

He was born Nov. 15, 1897, in Huntington County to John B. and Lydia (Jones) Hite.

He married Mary Edith Boyer on April 27, 1918, in Huntington. She died June 22, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, June Burton of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Dale Campbell of Sebring, Fla.; six grandsons and their wives, Michael and Crystal Hite of St. Joe, Patrick and Janice Hite of Allen, Texas, Richard and Barbara Burton of Fort Wayne, Ted Burton of Fort Wayne, Greg Hite and Jeff Hite; and a granddaughter, Cheryl Hite of Lake of the Woods.

Also preceding him in death were two sons, Charles D. Hite and John Burl Hite; his companion, Grace McIntire; five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Glancy Funeral Homes – H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren. Chaplain Annette Baker will officiate. Burial will be at Star of Hope in Huntington.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711, and Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792.

Albert Schrimshaw

PAYNE, Ohio — Albert C. Schrimshaw, 95, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2008, at 8:55 a.m. at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Mr. Schrimshaw was an engineer for Kunkle Valve of Fort Wayne and was a test driver for the former International Harvester truck manufacturing plant of Fort Wayne. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Briceton, Ohio.

He was born April 15, 1912, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Charles and Minnie (Allan) Schrimshaw.

On Jan. 1, 1939, he married Helen W. Huebner. She died Nov. 19, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Irene Schrimshaw of Wesley Chapel, Fla., Neal and Mary Schrimshaw of Bolingbrook, Ill., and Keith and Linda Schrimshaw of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Marla and John White of Churubusco; 11 grandchildren 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Joseph A. Schrimshaw, and a sister, Grace LeFvre.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church at Briceton, Ohio. Pastor Joe Allen will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery at Paulding, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home in Paulding and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 7611 Road 87, Paulding, OH 45879.

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Man, autistic grandson missing

BY BOB BRALEY
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AVILLA — An Avilla man and his 14-year-old autistic grandson are missing this morning after failing to reach Auburn to pay a bill Monday afternoon.

Duane Squire, 66, and his 14-year-old grandson, Erich Squire, also of Avilla, were on their way to Auburn for a scheduled appointment to pay a bill, having left the Avilla area at about 4 p.m. Monday, according to Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman.

The pair never arrived for the appointment, Leatherman said. The sheriff's department was called at 10:37 p.m. when they had not reported home.

Duane Squire has a history of seizures, Leatherman said. Neither he nor Erich Squire had taken their daily medications Monday.

The family has a cabin in Oscoda County, Mich., and the sheriff's department there has been contacted, but has not been able to locate either of the two there, Leatherman said.

Hospitals and police agencies in surrounding counties have been contacted, Leatherman said.

The pair were last seen in a blue 1989 Oldsmobile Regency 98 with the license plate 92B3482, Leatherman said. The car was equipped with a citizens band radio with an antenna.

Duane Squire has brown hair and blue eyes, Leatherman said. No physical description of Erich Squire or photo of either was available.

Anyone with information that could help locate Duane or Erich Squire is asked to contact the Noble County Sheriff's Department at 636-2182.

Jennifer Slater-Krist

KENDALLVILLE — Jennifer Lee Slater-Krist, 52, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Slater-Krist was the co-owner of Slater Concrete Products in Kendallville.

She was a 1974 graduate of East Noble High School.

Mrs. Slater-Krist loved spending time with her daughters and their friends, other family members and her pets. She also enjoyed watching the Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball team.

She was born in Kendallville on Aug. 17, 1955, to Jack William and Marilyn Rose (O'Dell) Slater.

Surviving are two daughters, Laura and Melissa Krist of Kendallville; a son, Scott Krist of Cumming, Ga.; her mother, Marilyn Slater of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Ray Clark of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey and Dee Slater of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Julia Slater of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Bonnie Clevenger of Albion; and niece and nephews, Erin and Austin Slater of Kendallville, Joe Schroeder of Kendallville, Mike Schroeder of Fort Wayne and Jacob Slater of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Slater in 1995; and a brother, Jonah Slater in 1998.

Private family services will be Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Jonah W. Slater Scholarship Fund in care of the Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Ralph Koontz

SUN CITY CENTER, Fla. — Ralph F. Koontz, 86, of Sun City died Friday, Feb. 15, 2008, while under the care of Life Path Hospice in Sun City Center.

A native of Detroit, he moved to Fort Wayne where he attended Cathedral Catholic School. He graduated from North Side High School in 1939.

Mr. Koontz received a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University at Bloomington in December 1942. Following graduation, he accepted a position with Linde Air Products outside Buffalo, N.Y., where he worked on the Manhattan Project. He retired after 38 years with Magnavox Corp./North American Phillips where he was the chief battery engineer. During his employment with Magnavox he obtained patents on sea water activated batteries.

He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church for more than 50 years until he moved to Florida in 2003. There he became a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City Center.

Mr. Koontz was a 50-year member of Alpha Chi Sigma, a life member of Alpha Kappa Psi and a member of Phi Kappa Theta. He also belonged to the Knights of Columbus and was a past member of Kiwanis.

His hobbies included carpentry and golf. He loved music and was a self-taught piano player and a harmonica player.

He was born in Detroit on April 10, 1921, to Ralph F. and Blanche (France) Koontz.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lynn M. and Roger Gardner of Plant City, Fla.; a sister, Betty Aubrey of Woodburn; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Koontz of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Stephen and Candy Haberkorn of Holland, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Beth and John Sebastain of Chattanooga, Tenn.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Todd and Mindy Gardner of Tallahassee, Fla., Jennifer and Bradley Thomas of Riverview, Fla., and Audrey and Duane Handshoe and Camile Koontz, all of Kendallville; five stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Cassie Sebastain of Chattanooga, Josh Sebastain of Knoxville, Tenn., Cory and Erin Haberkorn of St. Louis, Mo., Alicia and Giles Smith of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Brett Haberkorn of Grandville, Mich.; five great-grandchildren, Brittany, Lauren and Meagan Thomas of Riverview, Fla., and Joshua and Megan Gardner of Tallahassee, Fla.; three stepgreat-grandchildren, Conner, Logan and Cooper Handshoe of Kendallville; and seven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty M. Koontz; his second wife, Genevieve R. Koontz; a son, Douglas G. Koontz; a brother, Wayne Koontz; and a sister, Margaret Ball.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a vigil at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Life Path Hospice, 12973 Telecom Parkway No. 100, Temple Terrace, FL 33637; Cranberry Team at the Sun City Center House, in memory of Ralph Koontz; American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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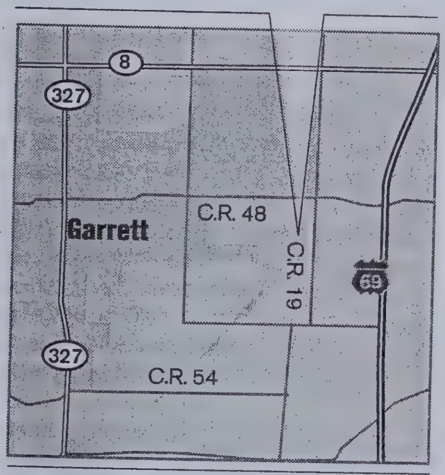
Avilla man found dead in field

Witness says she reported vehicle 22 hours earlier

Missing man, grandson found in field

Duane Squire, 66, was found dead outside his car in a field east of Garrett Tuesday afternoon. His grandson, Erich Squire, 14, was alive inside the car and was taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Source: DeKalb County Sheriff's Department

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

GARRETT — Questions surround the death of an Avilla man whose body was found in a field east of Garrett Tuesday afternoon — including whether he should have been rescued.

A witness said today she saw the man crash Monday afternoon and reported it to police, who did not go into the field to investigate until 22 hours later.

Duane Squire, 66, was found outside his blue 1989 Oldsmobile just after 1 p.m. Tuesday and pronounced dead at the scene, according to DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis.

Squire's grandson, Erich Squire, 14, was alive inside the car, alert and responsive, Dennis reported. A DeKalb EMS ambulance took the boy to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He apparently had been in the car overnight in single-digit temperatures.

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In a missing-persons alert Tuesday morning, Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman said the teenage boy is autistic. The boy was in good condition and walked to the ambulance, said DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner.

Investigators will conduct an autopsy later this week to determine the cause of death for Duane Squire, Warner said. Leatherman said Tuesday that Duane Squire had a history of seizures and had not taken his daily medication Monday.

Warner said he did not know if an epileptic seizure was a factor in the incident. He said Squire was able to get out of the car after it crashed into the field.

"You could see his muddy footprints around the car. You could also see where he had fallen down in the field. At some point he got back into the car — there's mud inside, too," Warner said. Muddy handprints all over the exterior of the car indicate that Squire may have tried to push the car, the coroner added.

Police had been searching for the pair since they were reported missing late Monday night. According to Leatherman, they left home Monday afternoon for a scheduled appointment to pay a bill in Auburn. They never arrived for the appointment and did not return home.

An Auburn woman said today that she watched a car — apparently driven by Duane Squires — veer off C.R. 48 into the field Monday afternoon.

Cheryl Monroe said she was driving toward Garrett with her husband to meet their son.

"All of a sudden, we saw this car — at about 45 mph — just veer off and jump the ditch into the middle of the

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FIELD: *Woman says she saw victim exit vehicle*

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field," Monroe said.

After the car stopped near a line of trees, the driver got out, she said.

"It looked like he was getting himself recomposed from going into the ditch. I just felt something wasn't right," she added.

Monroe called 911 at 2:52 p.m. Monday and reached a dispatcher at the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, she said. After reporting the crash, she continued to Garrett.

As the Monroes were returning to Auburn on C.R. 48, a sheriff's dispatcher called her at 3:02 p.m. and said an officer could not find the vehicle she reported.

Monroe said a sheriff's car with its lights flashing was on C.R. 19, apparently looking for the crash site. She told the dispatcher that she could see just the top of the car in the field from her vantage point on C.R. 48.

The dispatcher asked more questions to pinpoint her location, Monroe said.

"All of a sudden, he said, 'We've been told they have permission to be back there.' I found that to be odd," Monroe said.

Moments later, a Garrett Police officer stopped to ask the Monroes if they needed help. When she mentioned the car in the field, the officer told her, "Oh, they have permission to be back there," she said.

"I just felt had they investigated a little more, maybe the gentleman would be alive today, and the 14-year-old wouldn't have had to sit in the cold all night," Monroe said this morning.

According to a news release, at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday, the sheriff's department was called to check for the missing pair southwest of the intersection of C.R. 19 and C.R. 48.

An owner of the property reportedly had seen automobile tracks in the field and called police.

Around 1:03 p.m. Tuesday, police found the car and missing pair in the field. A news release described the location as about one-half mile south of C.R. 48 and west of C.R. 19.

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Ruth Smith

AUBURN — Ruth W. Smith, 87, of Auburn died Monday evening, Feb. 18, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith worked as a switchboard operator for 13 years. She also was a nurse's aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and for Home Health Care for 20 years before retiring in 1990. She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and volunteered at the hospital and for Red Cross.

She was born March 4, 1920, in Stafford Township in DeKalb County to Grover C. and Olive "Edna" (Farver) Walter. They preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth O. Smith on June 18, 1938. He died in 1980.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters-in-law, Walter C. and Edna Smith of Lincoln, Ill., currently missionaries in Nigeria, Keith E. and Robyn Smith of Butler and Wanda M. Smith of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and their spouses, Keith A. and Nancy Smith, Ann and Jeff Scheribel, Jerianne and Tim Hyde, Todd and Ruth Smith and Amanda; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Frank E. Walter of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard K. Smith, three brothers, Marion E. Walter, Ford F. Walter and Howard E. Walter, and a sister, Helen T. Wunderlin.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Allen County Multiple Sclerosis or African Christian Mission.

Lavon Musser Jr.

AUBURN — Lavon A. Musser Jr., 45, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 15, 2008.

Born in DeKalb County, Mr. Musser graduated from Buckley High School in Michigan. He was a member of Noble House Club House in Kendallville and New Life Ministries in Garrett. He enjoyed fishing and loved his family.

Surviving are two daughters, Teresa Goff of Hamilton and Kayla Musser of Pennsylvania; a brother and sister-in-law, Les and Shawn Musser of Hicksville, Ohio; a grandchild, Haydon Neely of Pennsylvania; his father, Lavon A. Musser Sr. of Florida; and his mother, Clara Mae Musser of Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at New Life Ministries in Garrett with Pastor Layne Andrews officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Dennis Denham

SELMER, Tenn. — Dennis Ray Denham, 43, of Selmer, Tenn., died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, at McNairy Regional Hospital in Selmer.

Mr. Denham was a draftsman. He served in the U.S. Army from 1983 to 1986 and was a 1982 graduate of Angola High School. He was a Baptist.

Surviving are his mother, Juanita Denham of Selmer; two daughters and a son-in-law, Chanda and Eric Kimpel of Edgerton, Ohio, and Nikki Denham of Auburn; a brother, Michael Denham of Bethel Springs, Tenn.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Debbie Arnett of Fremont and Julie and Keith Lipford of Enville, Tenn.; and his nieces and nephews, Christy Lipford of Selmer, Amber Normandin of Virginia Beach, Va., Chelsea and Hillary Denham, both of Bethel Springs, Tenn., Tessa Lipford of Enville, Tenn., Chas Lipford of Enville and Dustin Arnett of Fremont.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Shackelford Funeral Directors of Selmer. Burial will be in Sulphur Springs Cemetery at Selmer.

Marietta Sheets

WATERLOO — Marietta E. Sheets, 97, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at her daughter's home in rural Waterloo.

Services are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

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DuWan King

LAGRANGE — DuWan J. King, 66, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. King

Mr. King was a furniture maker.

A native of LaGrange County, he lived in Wilmington, N.C., for a period of time and moved back to LaGrange in 1994.

He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. King was a member of LaGrange Church of God in LaGrange.

He was born Aug. 27, 1941, in Stroh to Edward A. and Audra H. (Porter) King. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Stroh.

He married Rebecca P. Tuttle on Oct. 19, 1999, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kirk and Deena King of Wilmington, N.C., and Derek and Pam King of Lake Waccamaw, N.C.; a stepdaughter, Mary Gose of Stroh, two stepsons, Kenneth Healey and Westley Healey, both of Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Wilma McCombs and Joyce Gibson, both of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Mark King.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stroh Church of God in Stroh, with the Revs. Lloyd Jury and Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange with military rites by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange Church of God's Home Missions.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Harry Greenwalt

ASHLEY — Harry Greenwalt, 58, of Ashley died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Jesus Hernandez

AGUASCALIENTES, Mexico — Jesus "Chuy" Hernandez of Aguascalientes died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008.

Mr. Hernandez is survived by his wife, Natalia of Aguascalientes; his mother, Antonia Marine Hernandez of Aguascalientes; three brothers, Jose Hernandez Sr. of Kendallville and Salvador Hernandez and Jose Luis Hernandez, both of Aguascalientes; and a sister, Theresa Hernandez of Aguascalientes.

No services were announced.

Kay Coe

FULTON, N.Y. — Kay E. McFadden Coe, 59, of Fulton, N.Y., formerly of Steuben County, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at her home, surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Coe was a teacher at Fairgrave Elementary School in Fulton and the ABCD School in Red Creek, N.Y.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Fulton, where she worked as secretary. She was an avid volunteer at the Beaver Lake Nature Center, having volunteered for more than 1,500 hours. She was born in Indianapolis. Her family resided in Angola for many years. She was a graduate of Hillsdale College, and had master's degree in education from the State University of New York at Oswego. She also enjoyed her faithful companion Oreo.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Coe of Fulton; her parents, M. Raymond and Martha McFadden of Charleston, S.C.; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Daniel, Chad and Brian Hawksley, Nathan and Katherine Coe, and Orlando and Shawna Benson; a daughter and son-in-law, Bethany and David Simmons ; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Kathy McFadden of Charleston; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church of Fulton with the Revs. David Nethercott and Marc Haynes officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be at the church beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to the Friends of the Oswego County Hospice or Beaver Lake Nature Center.

The Sugar Funeral Home of Fulton is handling arrangements.

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Ruth Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Ruth Lucile (Haney) Miller, 82, of Middlebury died at 9:03 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at the Inpatient Hospice Unit at Winter Park Fla., after suffering a massive stroke Feb. 5 at her winter home in Clermont, Fla.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller worked for 27 years at Middlebury Community Schools, retiring as secretary to the superintendent.

She also wrote news for the Goshen News in the 1950s.

Mrs. Miller was involved with the Middlebury sesquicentennial celebration, the Middlebury history book "Middlebury, The Town Beautiful" and the Middlebury Museum. She was a former member of the Middlebury Home Economics Club and Friends of the Library.

She is a member of Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Miller was a 1943 graduate of Goshen High School.

She was born May 19, 1925, in Goshen to Jacob and Dora (Shidler) Haney. She married Glenn Jay Miller of Middlebury on Sept. 23, 1945, at the Goshen City Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheree and Scott Grist of Middlebury; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nellie "Susie" Lantz of Syracuse, and Marie Yoder and Allen Yoder Jr. of Middlebury; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Ralph and Sharon Haney of Goshen and Sharol Haney of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Mary Lena Haney; and a brother, Abraham "Jr." Haney.

Private burial will take place at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury. Pallbearers will be her nephews, Gregg Berry, Mike, Kent and Scott Yoder, Tom Lantz and Brad Haney.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Elkhart Hospice House Campaign or Middlebury Little League.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Helen Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Trowbridge, 88, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Trowbridge was a secretary for Trowbridge Accounting in Ligonier and Wolcottville. She had a degree in history education from Indiana University.

She and her husband owned and operated Atwood Shores Campground in Wolcottville from 1968 to 1981.

The couple lived in Ligonier from 1948 to 1964. They spent the winter months in Florida from 1981 until 2000 where they organized card clubs.

Mrs. Trowbridge graduated from Indiana University with a degree in history education.

She was born in Gary on Feb. 3, 1920, to Alex and Ksiena Voitovich. She married Robert Trowbridge Sr. on June 14, 1942, in Kendallville. He died June 30, 2000, in Florida.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Jerry Laughlin of Kendallville; a son and two daughters-in-law, James and Dee Trowbridge of Mabank, Texas, and Linda Trowbridge of LaGrange; eight grandchildren, Kimberly Laird of Indianapolis, Kristina Baker of Ligonier, Barry Trowbridge of Wheaton, Ill., Nathan Trowbridge of Mishawaka, Amber Taylor of Middlebury, Chelsi Curry of Richardson, Texas, Cami Carter of Austin, Texas, and Cory Trowbridge of McKinney, Texas; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a son, Robert Trowbridge Jr.

There are no services scheduled.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Entombment will be at a later date at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala, Fla.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Rodney Lansaw

CHURUBUSCO — Rodney Lansaw, 86, of Churubusco died at 8:10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lansaw

Mr. Lansaw retired in 1985 from Petrolane Gas Co.

He attended Jackson High School in Jackson, Ky. He moved to the Churubusco area as a young man and spent all of his adult life in the Churubusco community.

Mr. Lansaw was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the European, African and Middle Eastern theaters. He participated in the invasion of France, was wounded there, and received the prestigious Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, and was a former Sunday school superintendent. He was also a 50-year member and twice worshipful master of Huntertown Lodge 689 F.&A.M., the American Legion, Disabled Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Lansaw enjoyed visiting with friends at the Magic Wand Restaurant in Churubusco.

He was born in Breathitt County, Ky., on Jan. 14, 1922, to Taylor and Gracie Alma (Lockard) Lansaw. He married Janice E. Guiff on Aug. 28, 1946, in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Leon Creech of Churubusco, Sandra and Larry Jensen of Kendallville, Michael and Susan Lansaw of Fort Wayne, David Lansaw and his companion, Robert Laycock, of Cleveland, and Kristina and Richard Holbrook of West Des Moines, Iowa; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Delphia and Richard Lauer, Dorothy and Ernest Faurote and Shirlee Sidicane, all of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Raleigh Lansaw, Garland Lansaw, Woodford Lansaw, Ruben Lansaw, Terry Lansaw and Ralph Lansaw; and three sisters, Marjorie Lansaw, Geneva Parks and Bethel Nitcher.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Sue Socha, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial with full military graveside rites will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Huntertown Lodge 689 F.&A.M. will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Emmanual Lutheran Church in LaOtto or to Huntertown Lodge 689 F.&A.M.

Charlotte Stratton

NORTH MANCHESTER — Charlotte Jean Stratton, 75, of North Manchester, formerly of Athens, died at 1:20 a.m. Monday Feb. 18, 2008, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mrs. Stratton had worked for the U.S. Postal Service for over 25 years, working as Postmaster for the Athens Post Office.

She was born on March 12 1932, in Macy, the daughter of William W. and Florence Ruth (Harding) Ballenger. On April 8, 1949, in Rochester, she married Kenneth Allan Stratton. He preceded her in death on February 3, 1973.

She had attended the Rochester Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her daughters, Charlene and Kevin Young, North Manchester, Barbara and Norman Fuchs of Angola; a son, Walter and Betty Stratton of Guam; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Helen Jones, brother, Charles Robert Ballenger, and her parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home in Rochester, with the Rev. J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in the Athens Cemetery, Athens.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

Memorial may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.

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Samuel Miller

TOPEKA — Samuel Jay Miller, 78, of Topeka died at 6:16 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Miller was a farmer. He had also been employed for 20 years at D.A. Hochstetler in Topeka.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Nov. 24, 1929, in LaGrange County to Jacob and Katie (Miller) Miller. He married Fannie Miller on April 16, 1950, in LaGrange County. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Terry Miller of Middlebury, Kenneth and Edna Miller of Millersburg and Richard and Brenda Miller of Wolcottville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Dennis Lehman of Shipshewana and Rose and Daniel Lehman of Topeka; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ella Miller of Topeka; a sister-in-law, Laura Miller of Goshen; and a brother-in-law, Mose Mast of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Perry Miller and Crist Miller; three sisters, Polly Lehman, Anna Mast and Elizabeth Miller; and a great-grandson, Dennis Beechy.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family residence with Bishop Leroy Troyer and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com..

Julie Weaver

ANGOLA — Julie A. Weaver, 70, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Weaver had been a bank teller at Farmers State Bank, formerly known as the First National Bank of Fremont, for 15 years.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, reading and working. She was an example of kindness for others.

She was born March 29, 1937, in Bremen to Stanley and Evelyn (Moser) Trefun. Her mother survives in Bremen. She married David Weaver on Nov. 28, 1959. He died Nov. 15, 2002.

She is also survived by three sons and a daughter-in-law, Marc Weaver of Layton, Utah, Brian Weaver of Edon, Ohio, and Eric and Natalie Weaver of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Monica and Craig Ladig of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Marlene and Tony Sheneman of Winona Lake; six grandchildren; and two nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her father, Stanley Trefun.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Brian Till officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Danny Hoffman

HERRIN — Danny E. Hoffman, 55, of Herrin, Ill., died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Hoffman was retired from the U.S. Navy after 24 years of service, including service in Vietnam, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served as a support administrator of the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Carterville, Ill..

He was born in Winchester on June 1, 1953, to Warren and Mary (Barr) Hoffman.

He is survived by a daughter, Sara Hoffman of Herrin; special family member Pamela Hoffman of Herrin; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jodi and Eric Nagel of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Bobby Greg and Warren Hoffman.

Services will at 1 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will follow at Circle Hill Cemetery with graveside militart rites.

Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, with another calling today from 6 to 9 p.m. at Johnson-Hughes Funeral Home in Herrin.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Kenneth William Lash, 77

KENDALLVILLE – Kenneth William Lash, age 77, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at home. Mr. Lash was born in Albion on April 9, 1930 to Kenneth W. Lash, Sr. and Gertrude (Schumk) Lash, Sr.

He graduated as class president from Kendallville High School in 1948.

His coed team won the national 4-H vegetable judging championship in 1949 for the third consecutive year in Washington, DC. The team was coached by Dale Schinbeckler.

In 1948, along with his father, Kenny started his construction business, K. Lash & Sons, Inc.

His sons continue to operate the business today.

K. Lash & Sons has constructed more homes than any other builder in Noble County which totaled more than 800 homes by 2006.

K. Lash & Sons was the developer of Hollybrook Heights, the first apartment complex, and the first condominium complex in Kendallville.

He married Ellen Jean Kline on January 14, 1950 in Kendallville.

Kenny obtained his private pilot's license in 1955.

He was past president and member of the Kendallville Youth Center.

He was a 40 year member of the Kendallville Factory Sites Committee.

He was past president and 33 year past member of the Kendallville Rotary Club and past Kendallville Chamber of Commerce Board member.

Kennny was a Kendallville Elks Lodge member since 1960 and on the Kendallville Aviation Board of Directors for 33 years.

He enjoyed wintering at Fort Myers, Florida for 28 years, boating on Lake Erie, flying and building model planes.

Survivors include: his wife, Ellen Lash of Kendallville; mother, Gertrude Arnold of Kendallville; three sons, Larry (Beverly) Lash, Steve Lash (Elisa) Ellsworth, and Tracey Lash all of Kendallville; a daughter, Holly (Ford) Frick of Avilla; eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren; a brother, Gene (Phyllis) Lash of Kendallville and two sisters, Sheila (Bill) Gage of Albion, and Lavinn (Don) Hyland of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by father, Kenneth W. Lash, Sr. and a brother, Lee Lash in 2005.

Private Family Funeral Services were held February 15, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Kendallville Airport.

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Dale "Max" Jackson, 77

ALBION – Dale "Max" Jackson, age 77, a resident of High Lake in Albion, Noble County Indiana died Monday evening in the Parkview Whitley Hospital Columbia City, Indiana following a brief illness. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana a son of the late Elga Siefert and Gladys (Rottger) Jackson. As a young man he attended and graduated from the North Side High School in Fort Wayne where he spent his childhood. Later he owned the Commercial Coatings, Inc. for 20 years where he retired in 1990. He also lived a carneys life for 27 years, with a deep Christian spirit. He loved to fish and hunt. At the age of 68 he captured an 8 point buck.

Survivors include his children, Rhonda (John) Bridegan of Churubusco, Kim (Clyde) Lawson of Stoneyfork, Kentucky, Daniel (Victoria) Jackson of Columbia City, Leslie (Larry) Eckert of Auburn, Debbie (Louis) Arumbula of Fort Wayne, Rebecca (Larry) Stewart of Auburn; one sister, Rosemary (Bob) Smith of Fort Wayne, two brothers, Paul (Gloria) Jackson of Fort Wayne, Jack (Pat) Jackson of South Carolina, and his companion Mary Cramer of Churubusco.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son Bruce Jackson and two daughters Margaret Jackson and Linda Jackson.

Honoring Max's wishes, there will be no visitation or services. Sheet and Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco has been entrusted with the arrangements.

To leave a condolence for Max's family log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Dale Messer, 79

ALBION – Dale Messer, age 79, of Albion, passed away on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Messer was born in Mill Creek, Kentucky on September 7, 1928 to William Roark and Rebecca (Short) Roark. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Rev. Jesse W. Messer on March 10, 1946 who preceded her in death in January of 2000.

She was employed with Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 20 years and was a member of Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield. She loved to read, crochet, cook, and travel.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Teri (Eddy) Roark of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Jesse Messer, Jr. (Karen) Markward of Avilla; two daughters, Rhonda Handshoe of Albion, Robin Tackett of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren; a sister, Ilda (Elmer) Terry of Kendallville; and a brother, Ed (Helen) Roark of Richmond, Kentucky.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Jennifer Messer in October of 2001 and a great granddaughter, Jesslyn Gallo in 2004.

Funeral Services were February 16, 2008 at Brimfield Revival Center.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Brett Frick with Rev. Ergel Calhoun assisting.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Casketbearers were Hector Gallo, Jesse W. "Bill" Messer III, Justin Handshoe, Ray Gulick, Michael Gulick, Rodney Walker, Danny Calhoun, and Willis Terry.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Clarence Dilley, 89

AVILLA — Clarence L. Dilley, 89, of Avilla and formerly of Churubusco died Friday, Feb. 15, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had been a resident for five years.

He worked for Indiana and Michigan Power Co. before retiring in 1983. Mr. Dilley was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the World War II era.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1918, in Webster City, Iowa, to Verne LeRoy and Ethel May (Litten) Dilley. On June 22, 1944, he married Anna Frances Schiffli at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo. She died March 25, 1994.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Patricia Dilley Jr. of Churubusco, Stan and Cherie Dilley of Bluffton and Tony and Patricia Dilley of New Whiteland; four daughters and sons-in-law, Rose and Scott Uhl of Avilla, Joellen and Ray Solga of Alabama, Kathy and Tim Wenning of Michigan and Larene and Ron Pulver of Leo; a sister, Bertha Parker of Des Moines, Iowa; a brother, Harold Dilley of Litchfield, Minn.; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; one grandchild; one great-grandchild and several brothers and sisters.

Services were held February 18, 2008 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Tom Novy officiated. Burial took place at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Sacred Heart Home.

Pauline E. Hickman, 74

LIGONIER – Pauline E. Hickman, 74, of Ligonier, died Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 12:36 PM at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for two and a half years, and had been a resident of Avalon Village Nursing Home since September 2005.

Mrs. Hickman was born on October 24, 1933 in Kendallville to Walter G. and Ruth E. (Harron) Hass. She was a 1952 graduate of Rome City High School. On November 26, 1955 she married Robert Hickman at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. He survives in Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed word search puzzles, playing cards and loved being with her grandchildren.

Other survivors include a son, Warren (Lin) Hickman of North Webster; a daughter, Denise Baker of Ligonier; two grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Hass of Albion; and a sister, Ruth Ann (Phil) Juif of Goshen.

She was preceeded in death by her parents, and a granddaughter, Courtney Baker.

Funeral services were at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Pastor Erick Riddle officiated the service.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers were Donald Hickman, Adam Tomlinson, Harold Bailey, Warren Patrick, Scott Mundon and Russ Mundon.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Karen Ann Behm, 44

ALBION – Karen Ann Behm, 44, of Albion died at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2008 while vacationing with her husband and friends in Costa Rica.

Born on March 18, 1963, she was the daughter of Jimmy E. Hoppas and Shirley A. Rosen.

She graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1981. On October 31, 1981 she married Dennis R. Behm in Columbia City.

She previously worked for Reelcraft from 1984-1996 and for the last five years has been employed at J & K Communications in Columbia City.

She enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Eagle Glen Monday Night Ladies Golf League.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis R. Behm of Albion; mother Shirley A. (James) Bradley of Columbia City; father, Jimmy E (Sara) Hoppas Columbia City; sister, Pam Listenberger, Churubusco; brother, Tony Angel, Pierceton; 5 step-sisters, Becky (Randy) Bays of Warsaw, Ferol (Matt) Hawkins of Greensburg, KY, Lisa (Charles) Williams, Logansport, Cheryl (Rick) Schlechty of Portland, and Marie (Rex) Weibel of Houiland, OH; 2 step-brothers, Joseph Holloway of Warsaw, and John (Nicki) McCloughan of Kentucky; sister-in-laws, Cathy Smith, of South Bend and Jennifer (Steve) Weigold of Ligonier; 2 brother-in-laws, David (Polly) and Dan (Joanne) Behm both of Columbia City; mother-in law, Carolyn Behm of Albion and her 2 "kids" Blondie and Sunny the dogs.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Ed Behm; grandparents, Ed and Clara Hoppas, Violet Graves and James Rosen.

Visitation will be held Thursday February 21, 2008 from 4-8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 22 at the funeral home with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made in Mrs. Behm's memory to the Susan B. Voleman Breast Cancer Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send a condolence or sign the guest register book please visit www.demoney-grimes.com

Racine Smith, 63

ALBION — Racine Smith, 63, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at her residence with her family at her side.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker.

She had been an area resident for 55 years, coming from Kentucky.

Mrs. Smith attended Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

She was born Sept. 20, 1945, in Mousie, Ky., to Virgil and Ellen (Green) Wicker. She married Billy Smith Sr. on Sept. 23, 1961, in Lisbon. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Stacy and Rick Gavin of Wawaka and Selena and Daniel Hasselman of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Billy David and Sharon Smith of Rome City, Mark and Teresa Smith of Albion and Jason P. and Heather Smith of Albion; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Virgil "Bud" Wicker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; and two brothers.

Services were held February 15, 2008 at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville. Birtchel Mosley and Clarence Combs officiated. Burial took place at Orange Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute by Friday, or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Ryan Hart, 20

FORT WAYNE — Ryan J. Hart, 20, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 18, 1987, in Bluffton.

Surviving are his mother, Tina Hart; a brother, Joshua Jellison; a sister, Heather Hart-Bryant; his godfather, John Craighead; his grandmother, Sharon Jellison; two uncles, Tom Jellison Jr. and Scott Jellison; four nephews, Gage and Tricen Smith and Treytn and Darian Bryant; and a niece, Arden Lacey.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Tom Jellison Sr., and an uncle, Jack Jellison.

Services were February 19, 2008 at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Ryan J. Hart fund in care of Mid West American Federal Credit Union.

Jennifer Lee Slater-Krist, 52

KENDALLVILLE – Jennifer Lee Slater-Krist , age 52 , of Kendallville , passed away on Monday , February 18, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne .

Mrs. Slater-Krist was born in Kendallville on August 17, 1955 to Jack William Slater and Marilyn Rose (O'Dell) Slater .

She graduated from East Noble High School in 1974 and was co-owner of Slater Concrete Products in Kendallville.

She loved spending time with her daughters and their friends, her family and her pets, and she enjoyed watching the Tennessee Lady Volunteers Basketball Team .

Survivors include: two daughters, Laura and Melissa Krist of Kendallville; a son, Scott Krist of Cumming, Georgia; her mother, Marilyn Slater of Kendallville; a sister, Cindy (Ray) Clark of Kendallville; a brother, Jeffrey (Dee) Slater of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Julia Slater of Fort Wayne; her special friend, Bonnie Clevenger of Albion; niece and nephews, Erin and Austin Slater of Kendallville, Joe Schroeder of Kendallville, Mike Schroeder of Fort Wayne, and Jacob Slater of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Slater in 1995 and brother, Jonah Slater in 1998.

Private Family Services will be held Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be sent to the Jonah W. Slater Scholarship Fund C/O Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Indiana 46767.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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February 20, 2008, Wednesday

John B. Hutchins, 73

KENDALLVILLE — John B. Hutchins, 73, prominent Kendallville businessman and native, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at 4:10 p.m. at his residence following a recent illness.

Mr. Hutchins graduated from Kendallville High School in 1952 and from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1953. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hanover College in 1957, majoring in business and psychology.

He served six years with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Mr. Hutchins served 55 years in funeral service. In 1958, Mr. Hutchins joined the family funeral home in Kendallville. In 1973, he purchased the Williams Funeral Home in Wolcottville. As a fifth generation funeral director, he celebrated 125 years of his family's service to the community in 1985. The funeral homes were sold in 1989, with all personnel remaining, including Mr. Hutchins. In 2006, the funeral homes were sold back to longtime employees Kathy and Pat Young.

Mr. Hutchins' professional affiliations included membership in and serving as past president (1985-86) of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA). He was also a member and past president (1972-73) of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association (IFDA), and a member of the International Federation of Thanatologists and the Associated Funeral Directors Service. He served as past chairman of the American Board of Funeral Service Education and received continuing education awards from the Indiana Funeral Directors Association from 1976 through 2007.

He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Kendallville; a 50-year member of the Kendallville Lodge No. 276 F.&A.M.; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the Shrine; past president of the Kendallville United Fund and Kendallville Elks Lodge No. 1194.

Mr. Hutchins was a lifetime member and past president of the Kendallville Rotary Club. During his year of presidency the Kendallville Rotarians were awarded the Outstanding Club Award in District 654. He helped form the first Interact Club of Rotary for young people in Indiana.

He was a past member of the Kendallville Park and Recreation Board of Directors; past member of the Noble County Red Cross Board of Directors; president of the East Noble school board building corporation for North Side and Wayne Center school constructions; past member of the Baseball Commission; board member and past president of Junior Achievement; vice president of Factory Sites of Kendallville; and chairman of fundraising for the Cole Center Family YMCA.

Mr. Hutchins was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by the state of Indiana; a Kentucky Colonel by the state of Kentucky; and an Arkansas Traveler by then Gov. Bill Clinton. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary.

He was born May 15, 1934, in Kendallville to Myron C. and Beverly (Berhalter) Hutchins. He married Sherrell Jean "Sherry" Harter on Sept. 1, 1956, in Indianapolis. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Stacia and Edward Stump of Kimmell; a son and daughter-in-law, J. Scott and Tracy Hutchins of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Sheryl and Ben Hawkins of Wolcottville, Ethan Henry of Kendallville, Thomas Henry of Kimmell, Jocelyn Hutchins of Kendallville, Justin and Laura Stump of Columbia City and Andrew Stump of Wolf Lake; four great-grandchildren, Wyatt Petrie-Hawkins, Madison Hawkins, Jeremiah Blake Hawkins and Jayden Stump; a sister, Jalna J. Lang of Kingwood, Texas; a niece, Leslie Lang; and a nephew, Todd Lang.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Byron Harter Hutchins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Bower, Emmett Lovett, Jack Jollief, Jerry Davis, Tom Burke, John Mulholland, Bob Czupryn, H H Critchfield, Dave Hosler, Darol Stroman, Duane Axel, John Thrapp, Craig Fischer, Glen Cook, Duane Hanes, and the NFDA and IFDA past presidents. Active pallbearers will be Sheryl Hawkins, Ethan Henry, Thomas Henry, Jocelyn Hutchins, Pat Young, Adam Young, Beth Mosley, Hal "Howdy" Schuman, Erica Dekko and Joe Freed.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m., Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorials are to the Noble County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 21, 2008, Thursday

Finding man's body takes 22 hours

DAVE KURTZ
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GARRETT — Due to a series of misunderstandings, police did not find an Avilla man's body until 22 hours after he crashed his car Monday in a field east of Garrett.

Police who responded just minutes after the crash left without finding the car. Instead, they believed another officer's assurance that someone had driven off C.R. 48 intentionally to gather firewood.

Duane Squire, 66, was found dead outside his blue 1989 Oldsmobile just after 1 p.m. Tuesday. His autistic grandson, Erich Squire, 14, survived inside the car, spending a night in single-digit temperatures.

Two deputies who abandoned the search for Squire's crash are "devastated by it, because they're very dedicated officers who work very hard," said DeKalb County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jay Oberholtzer.

Duane Squire

Duane Squire apparently stayed alive for at least a while after the crash at about 2:50 p.m. Monday. A witness reported seeing him outside the car immediately afterward. DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner said Squire left mud tracks inside the car and muddy handprints all over the car's exterior.

Warner said an autopsy to determine the cause of Squire's death will take place later this week. The coroner said Squire had a history of epileptic seizures, but he did not know if that was a factor in the tragedy.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department received at least two 911 calls Monday afternoon reporting that a car veered off the road along C.R. 48, a busy route between Garrett and Auburn.

The first call came at 2:50 p.m. from a woman who told a dispatcher, "We just witnessed a car go off into a field." A moment later, she said, "They're still driving through the field."

Oberholtzer allowed media access to digital recordings of police radio traffic and 911 calls about the incident.

Cheryl Monroe of Auburn also called to report that a car had left the roadway and gone into a field south of C.R. 48. Monroe and her husband then continued to their destination in Garrett.

A sheriff's deputy arrived on the scene at 2:57 p.m. and began asking a dispatcher for help in finding the crash and a description of the car.

The dispatcher called Monroe back for more information at 3:03 p.m., just as she and her husband were passing the crash scene again on their way back to Auburn.

"We see the car just off the corner of the woods back there," Monroe said during her second conversation with the

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dispatcher. Watching from C.R. 48, Monroe said she also could see a sheriff deputy's car to the south on C.R. 19. She and her husband tried to guide the search, telling the dispatcher that the wrecked car was directly west of the deputy's car.

Monroe and her husband accurately described the car as a dark blue, older model, four-door Oldsmobile or Pontiac.

As Monroe continued trying to help officers spot the wrecked car, one of the sheriff's deputies broke in on his radio.

"I spoke to a Garrett (police) unit," the deputy said. "The people that are back there have permission to be back there.

"No 10-50," the deputy said, using the police radio code for a traffic accident. "They went back there on purpose."

The dispatcher relayed the deputy's message to Monroe.

"They didn't wreck. They had permission to go out there. They've driven off the road on purpose," the dispatcher told her.

Monroe did not accept the explanation.

"Several of us pulled off the road because we thought it was an accident," she told the dispatcher. "He flew off the road at a high rate of speed ... no brakes applied or anything."

"It sounds weird to me, but that's what the police officer said," the dispatcher told Monroe. The dispatcher said the erratic driving was "probably meant to be some sort of weird joke." He thanked Monroe for calling, and the conversation ended.

Monroe said that moments later a Garrett Police officer approached her and her husband, who were stopped in their pickup truck, and assured them that everything was all right.

Garrett Police Chief Rex Harpel could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

"I just felt had they investigated a little more, maybe the gentleman would be alive today, and the 14-year-old wouldn't have had to sit in the cold all night," Monroe said in a telephone interview Wednesday morning.

Squire and his grandson had been traveling to Auburn Monday afternoon for an appointment to pay a bill. When they never arrived for the appointment and did not return home, a family member reported their disappearance to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

The Noble County police issued a report of missing persons shortly after 9:30 p.m. Monday. It said Squire was driving a blue 1989 Oldsmobile Regency 98, but no one connected that clue with Monday's report of a car in a field near Garrett, fitting that description.

Tuesday morning, Noble County Detective Shawn Dunafin remembered hearing at a seminar that missing persons could be found by using cell phone signals.

"We knew that he had a cell phone with him," Dunafin said of Squier. He contacted Verizon, Squire's cell phone carrier.

"They were more than helpful," Dunafin said of Verizon. Early Tuesday afternoon, Verizon informed Dunafin that a cell phone tower had received a signal from Squire's phone at 8:58 p.m. Monday. Dunafin said a sheriff's deputy who was trying to find Squire had tried to call him at precisely that time.

Verizon said that at the time of the call, Squire's phone was three-tenths of a mile southwest of a cell tower behind the Custer Grain elevators at C.R. 48 and C.R. 19.

Dunafin reported Verizon's tip to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday. By 1:03 p.m. a DeKalb County deputy had found the car, Squire's body and his grandson, precisely where Verizon had predicted.

When Oberholtzer went to the scene and looked from a county road, "I had binoculars, and I still could not see the vehicle, I could see the police units, but I still could not see the Oldsmobile," he said. He estimated the car was one-half mile from the nearest road.

A DeKalb EMS ambulance took Erich Squire to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne for treatment of exposure to cold. Warner said the boy appeared to be in good condition and walked into the ambulance.

Oberholtzer said the two deputies who responded to the first reports of the crash "would have been out there in a heartbeat" to check the car in the field if they thought someone was in danger.

"The officers on the scene just took the information from the other officer," Oberholtzer said.

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Jean Gatton

KENDALLVILLE — Jean Gatton, 85, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Gatton

Mrs. Gatton volunteered at the Bargain Shop in Kendallville for more than 25 years. She was also a designer with Pullman Monument Works for many years.

She authored many short stories that were published in local newspapers.

Mrs. Gatton graduated from Garrett High School in 1941.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where she was an active Sunday school member and took care of the church attendance records.

Mrs. Gatton was born in Garrett on Nov. 19, 1922, to John Elmer and Daisy Belle (Stoner) Ellington. She married Robert Pusey Gatton on July 8, 1944, in Atlantic City, N.J. He died Dec. 28, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Jeff Kotterman of Kendallville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Melinda Gatton of Kendallville, Robert Gatton of Hollywood, Fla., and Tim and Julie Gatton of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six grandchildren, Nathan Kotterman of Chicago, Emily and Nate Shamp of Angola, Elizabeth Gatton of West Lafayette, Meredith Gatton of Kendallville and Kyle and Evan Gatton of Colorado Springs; a great-granddaughter, Alayna Shamp; and a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Byron McCandless of Kent, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Carol Sue in 1952; and two half sisters, Helen Bartels and Georgiana Brown.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or Shepherd of the Hill.

View a video tribute (after Sunday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marietta Sheets

WATERLOO — Marietta E. Sheets, 97, of Waterloo and formerly of Auburn and Mesa, Ariz., died Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, 2008, at her daughter's home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Sheets

After raising her children, she went to school and worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn as a obstetrics nurse's aide.

In 1972, she and her husband moved to Dreamland Villa in Mesa, Ariz., where she did a lot of volunteer work, including delivering Meals on Wheels. She formed the Dreamland Villa Hiking Club and hiked the mountains around Mesa for many years.

She organized craft shows where her husband sold the turquoise jewelry he made. She also wrote recipes in a column titled "Easy Cooking" for Dreamland Villa's community paper for 15 years.

She was an active member of Velda Rose Methodist Church of Mesa, where she helped with rummage sales for 18 years.

After returning to Waterloo in 2003, she attended Cedar Lake Church of Christ. She is a 50-year member of Eastern Star in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 29, 1910, in Auburn to John Perry and Rosa Belle (Rupert) Long.

She married Kenneth Albert Sheets on March 2, 1935, in Garrett. He died June 29, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Shelley Sheets of Lakewood, Colo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jill and Phil Robbins of Mesa, Ariz., and Mary and Jim Engle of Waterloo; six grandchildren; two stepgrandsons; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Lee Sheets; two brothers, Bill Long and Rupert Long; and two sisters, Mozelle Tuttle and Peggy Dunn, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Steve Evans will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or A New Day Adult Center.

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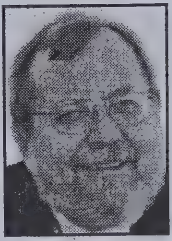
Bill Jarrett

FREMONT — Bill Jarrett, 54, of Jimmerson Lake, Fremont, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.


Mr. Jarrett

He was a sales manager for Dutch Commercial Solutions in LaGrange. He also had owned his own business, was the owner of two southern-style restaurants and formerly owned Family Housing Inc. of Angola.

He was a 1972 graduate of Elkhart Central High School. He enjoyed spending time with his family and his friends and fishing. He was a Colts fan, and was involved in efforts to help save the white rhinos of Africa.

He was born Jan. 18, 1954, in Newport, Ark., to Daniel and Sarah (Payne) Jarrett. His mother survives in Goshen. He married Kathy Phipps on Dec. 23, 1984, in Syracuse. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen and Lexie Jarrett of Montpelier, Ohio, and Patrick Hohman of Bristol; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kerri and Josh Foust of Nashville, Tenn., and Natalie Jarrett of Fremont; two grandsons, Stevie and Owen Jarrett; two brothers, Lee Roy Jarrett of Greenwood, Ark., and Larry Jarrett of Valparaiso; two sisters, Mary Jarrett of Goshen and Linda Sweet of Bristol; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and three brothers, Paul, Norman and Jewel Ray Jarrett.

A service will be announced in the coming weeks.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Harry Greenwalt

WOLCOTTVILLE — Harry F. Greenwalt, 58, of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Greenwalt worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne and in construction.

He was a graduate of Angola High School.

Mr. Greenwalt enjoyed spending time with his family and had a passion for Big Long Lake. He was an avid New York Yankees baseball fan and enjoyed NHRA races and attending concerts.

He was born Jan. 10, 1950, in DeKalb County to James Robert and Isabelle Jane Greenwalt. They are deceased.

Surviving is a sister, Kathleen Greenwalt of South Bend.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Larry Greenwalt.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be one-half hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Betty Trowl

LIGONIER — Betty J. Trowl, 79, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier

Todd Carpenter

SEARCY, Ark. — Todd Regan Carpenter, 52, of Searcy, Ark., formerly of Angola, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter was retired from positions as teacher, coach and athletic director at Searcy High School.

He was respected by his colleagues and the numerous young people he influenced, many of whom maintained a friendship with him. Throughout his 29 years of teaching, many students were touched by his life either as a classroom teacher, tutor or coach.

He was born Sept. 22, 1955, in Angola, to Bill and Gladys Maugherman Carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Ann Moore Carpenter; a daughter, Lindley Ann Moore; his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Jon Tracy and Jody Carpenter of Murray, Ky.; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Henry Scales of Beebe, Ark.; five nephews; three nieces; one great-nephew; and one great-niece.

Services have taken place.

Beulah Hands

FORT WAYNE — Beulah J. Hands, 80, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was a former Angola resident, and lived in Fort Wayne for several years. She enjoyed music therapy.

She is survived by guardian Sonya Taylor and several friends at home.

Services are being held at 4 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

Danny Hoffman

HERRIN, Ill. — Danny E. Hoffman, 55, of Herrin, Ill., died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Hoffman was retired from the U.S. Navy after 24 years of service, including service in Vietnam, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served as a support administrator of the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Carterville, Ill..

He was born in Winchester on June 1, 1953, to Warren and Mary (Barr) Hoffman.

He is survived by a daughter, Sara Hoffman of Herrin; special family member Pamela Hoffman of Herrin; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jody and Eric Nagel of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Bobby, Greg and David Hoffman.

Services will at 1 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will follow at Circle Hill Cemetery with graveside military rites.

Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, with another calling today from 6 to 9 p.m. at Johnson-Hughes Funeral Home in Herrin.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include a photo.*

Julie Weaver

ANGOLA — Julie A. Weaver, 70, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Weaver

Mrs. Weaver had been a bank teller at Farmers State Bank, formerly known as the First National Bank of Fremont, for 15 years.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, reading and working. She was an example of kindness for others.

She was born March 29, 1937, in Bremen to Stanley and Evelyn (Moser) Trefun. Her mother survives in Bremen. She married David Weaver on Nov. 28, 1959. He died Nov. 15, 2002.

She is also survived by three sons and a daughter-in-law, Marc Weaver of Layton, Utah, Brian Weaver of Edon, Ohio, and Eric and Natalie Weaver of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Monica and Craig Ladig of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Marlene and Tony Sheneman of Winona Lake; six grandchildren; and two nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her father, Stanley Trefun.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Brian Till officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

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Tribute to Larry Gaskill

Former Kendallville Business Owner Larry Gaskill died at the age of 67 in Tennessee surrounded by his family. He passed away on February 9, 2008 at his residence. Larry was the owner of The Old Time Music Store and Picken Parlor on South Main Street. He also had a bluegrass hour on the radio in Kendallville and played in a bluegrass band. He enjoyed picking and playing with his customers and friends at his music store.

Larry was preceeded by his parents William Raymond Gaskill, Elva Jackson Gaskill and one brother David Gaskill. Larry is survived by daughters Angela Chapman of Clinton, TN, Kimberly and husband Gene Adams of Clinton, TN, one son Larry Brent Gaskill of Lake City, TN, one brother Jerry Gaskill and wife Kathy from Maryland, sister Tonya and husband Scott of Indiana, sister Joann Morey of Oregon, sister-in-law Lori Gaskill of Fort Wayne, Indiana, serveral neices and nephews, 4 grandchildren: Nicole and B.J. Williams of Briceville, TN, Tasha and Derek Owens of Clinton, TN, Lindsay Leach of Clinton TN, Jacob Adams of Clinton, TN, 2 great-grandchildren: Chad Williams of Briceville, TN, Madison Phillips of Clinton, TN, and a very, very special friend Siliva Gaskill Bergman of Auburn, Indiana.

Holly Gamble Funeral Home in Lake City, TN, is in charge of the arrangements and is available for any further information. A memorial service date will be announced at a later date. The phone number is **865-426-2121.**

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John B. Hutchins

KENDALLVILLE — John B. Hutchins, 73, prominent Kendallville businessman and native, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at 4:10 p.m. at his residence following a recent illness.

Mr. Hutchins

Mr. Hutchins graduated from Kendallville High School in 1952 and from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1953. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hanover College in 1957, majoring in business and psychology.

He served six years with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Mr. Hutchins served 55 years in funeral service. In 1958, Mr. Hutchins joined the family funeral home in Kendallville. In 1973, he purchased the Williams Funeral Home in Wolcottville. As a fifth generation funeral director, he celebrated 125 years of his family's service to the community in 1985. The funeral homes were sold in 1989, with all personnel remaining, including Mr. Hutchins. In 2006, the funeral homes were sold back to longtime employees Kathy and Pat Young.

Mr. Hutchins' professional affiliations included membership in and serving as past president (1985-86) of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA). He was also a member and past president (1972-73) of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association (IFDA), and a member of the International Federation of Thanatologists and the Associated Funeral Directors Service. He served as past chairman of the American Board of Funeral Service Education and received continuing education awards from the Indiana Funeral Directors Association from 1976 through 2007.

He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Kendallville; a 50-year member of the Kendallville Lodge No. 276 F.&A.M.; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the Shrine; past president of the Kendallville United Fund and Kendallville Elks Lodge No. 1194.

Mr. Hutchins was a lifetime member and past president of the Kendallville Rotary Club. During his year of presidency the Kendallville Rotarians were awarded the Outstanding Club Award in District 654. He helped form the first Interact Club of Rotary for young people in Indiana.

He was a past member of the Kendallville Park and Recreation Board of Directors; past member of the Noble County Red Cross Board of Directors; president of the East Noble school board building corporation for North Side and Wayne Center school constructions; past member of the Baseball Commission; board member and past president of Junior Achievement; vice president of Factory Sites of Kendallville; and chairman of fundraising for the Cole Center Family YMCA.

Mr. Hutchins was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by the state of Indiana; a Kentucky Colonel by the state of Kentucky; and an Arkansas Traveler by then Gov. Bill Clinton. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary.

He was born May 15, 1934, in Kendallville to Myron C. and Beverly (Berhalter) Hutchins. He married Sherrell Jean "Sherry" Harter on Sept. 1, 1956, in Indianapolis. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Stacia and Edward Stump of Kimmell; a son and daughter-in-law, J. Scott and Tracy Hutchins of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Sheryl and Ben Hawkins of Wolcottville, Ethan Henry of Kendallville, Thomas Henry of Kimmell, Jocelyn Hutchins of Kendallville, Justin and Laura Stump of Columbia City and Andrew Stump of Wolf Lake; four great-grandchildren, Wyatt Petrie-Hawkins, Madison Hawkins, Jeremiah Blake Hawkins and Jayden Stump; a sister, Jalna J. Lang of Kingwood, Texas; a niece, Leslie Lang; and a nephew, Todd Lang.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Byron Harter Hutchins.

Services will at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary pallbearers were John Bower, Emmett Lovett, Jack Jollief, Jerry Davis, Tom Burke, John Mulholland, Bob Czupryn, H H Critchfield, Dave Hosler, Darol Stroman, Duane Axel, John Thrapp, Craig Fischer, Glen Cook, Duane Hanes, and the NFDA and IFDA past presidents. Active pallbearers will be Sheryl Hawkins, Ethan Henry, Thomas Henry, Jocelyn Hutchins, Pat Young, Adam Young, Beth Mosley, Hal "Howdy" Schuman, Erica Dekko and Joe Freed.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorials are to the Noble County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Marian Trim-Kidd

LIGONIER — Marian F. Trim-Kidd, 80, of Ligonier died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Trim-Kidd worked as a sales clerk for Danners Department Store in Ligonier, and was employed there until it closed.

She moved to Ligonier 20 years ago from Howe.

She attended Millersburg Church of Christ.

Her interests included being an advocate for animals. She enjoyed her flower garden and loved to fish and to read.

She was born June 17, 1927, in Sturgis, Mich., to Floyd and Ethel (Shelly) Trim. She married Dennis Kidd who died in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Lu Anne Richmond of Ligonier; a sister, Barbara Magnus of Sturgis; and a nephew, Scott Magnus of Sturgis.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services were Friday at J.A Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter or ASPCA.

Pauline Hickman

LIGONIER — Pauline E. Hickman, 74, of Ligonier diec at 12:36 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at Parkview Hospita in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for 2 1/2 years and had been a resident of Avalon Village Nursing Home since September 2005.

Mrs. Hickman was a homemaker. She enjoyed word search puzzles, playing cards and being with her grandchildren.

She was born Oct. 24, 1933, in Kendallville to Walter G. and Ruth E. (Harron) Hass. A 1952 graduate of Rome City High School, she married Robert Hickman at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion on Nov. 26, 1955. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Lin Hickman of North Webster; a daughter, Denise Baker of Ligonier; a brother, Kenneth Hass of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Ann and Phil Juif of Goshen and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Courtney Baker.

Services were Monday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Erick Riddle officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers were Donald Hickman, Adam Tomlinson, Harold Bailey, Warren Patrick, Scott Mundon and Russ Mundon.

Online condolences or the signing of an online register may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Karen Behm

ALBION — Karen Ann Behm, 44, of Albion died at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, while vacationing with her husband and friends in Costa Rica.

She had been employed the past five years at J & K Communications in Columbia City. Prior to that she had worked at Reelcraft from 1984-1996.

Mrs. Behm

Mrs. Behm graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1981.

She enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Eagle Glen Monday Night Ladies Golf League. She enjoyed spending time with her dogs.

Born on March 18, 1963, she was the daughter of Jimmy E. Hoppas and Shirley A. Rosen. She married Dennis R. Behm in Columbia City on Oct. 23, 1981. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Shirley A. and James Bradley of Columbia City; her father and stepmother, Jimmy E. and Sara Hoppas of Columbia City; a sister, Pam Listenberger of Churubusco; a brother, Tony Angel of Pierceton; five stepsisters and their husbands, Becky and Randy Bays of Warsaw, Ferol and Matt Hawkins of Greensburg, Ky., Lisa and Charles Williams of Logansport, Cheryl and Rick Schlechty of Portland and Marie and Rex Wieble of Houiland, Ohio; two stepbrothers, Joseph Holloway of Warsaw and John McCloughan and his wife, Nicki, of Kentucky; two sisters-in-law, Cathy Smith of South Bend and Jennifer Weigold and her husband, Steve Weigold of Ligonier; two brothers-in-law and their wives, David and Polly Behm and Dan and Joanne Behm, all of Columbia City; and her mother-in-law, Carolyn Behm of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Ed Behm; and her grandparents, Ed and Clara Hoppas, Violet Graves and James Rosen.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

To send a condolence or sign the guest register book, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Richard Bullock

MCALLEN, Texas — Richard Lee Bullock, 70, of McAllen, Texas, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his residence. He had been ailing for two years.

Mr. Bullock retired as a tool and die maker with Dana Corp. in 2000 after 39 years of service.

He enjoyed observing the weather, music and spending time with his friends.

Mr. Bullock was a member of the Hoosier Cruiser Motorhome Club and loved to travel until he moved permanently to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

He was born Oct. 1, 1937, in Wolcottville to Dean and Laura (Murray) Bullock. On Jan. 31, 1985, he married Carol E. Wright in Van Wert, Ohio. She survives in McAllen.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lori Ehmke of Waterloo; a son, Chad Bullock of Bristol; three stepsons, David Grone and Dale Grone, both of Fort Wayne, and Daniel Grone of Sammamish, Wash.; 20 grandchildren; three sisters, Elisabeth Malone of Ligonier, Ruth Shaw of Three Rivers, Mich., and Ruby Ferro of LaGrange; and his first wife, Sherry Bullock of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dean Bullock; his mother, Laura Rasler; and two sisters, Carol Bullock, who died as an infant, and N. Joyce Bacon.

Services were Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery.

Memorials are to CIMA Hospice, 5317 N. McColl, McAllen, Texas, 78504.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Helen Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Trowbridge, 88, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Trowbridge was a secretary for Trowbridge Accounting in Ligonier and Wolcottville. She had a degree in history education from Indiana University.

She and her husband owned and operated Atwood Shores Campground in Wolcottville from 1968 to 1981.

The couple lived in Ligonier from 1948 to 1964. They spent the winter months in Florida from 1981 until 2000 where they organized card clubs.

Mrs. Trowbridge graduated from Indiana University with a degree in history education.

She was born in Gary on Feb. 3, 1920, to Alex and Ksiena Voitovich. She married Robert Trowbridge Sr. on June 14, 1942, in Kendallville. He died June 30, 2000, in Florida.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Jerry Laughlin of Kendallville; a son and two daughters-in-law, James and Dee Trowbridge of Mabank, Texas, and Linda Trowbridge of LaGrange; eight grandchildren, Kimberly Laird of Indianapolis, Kristina Baker of Ligonier, Barry Trowbridge of Wheaton, Ill., Nathan Trowbridge of Mishawaka, Amber Taylor of Middlebury, Chelsi Curry of Richardson, Texas, Cami Carter of Austin, Texas, and Cory Trowbridge of McKinney, Texas; and 12 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a son, Robert Trowbridge Jr.

There were no services scheduled.

Entombment will be at a later date at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala, Fla.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Janet Hooley

FORT WAYNE — Janet Kay Hooley, 58, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at her residence after a battle with cancer.

She was an elementary school teacher for 32 years. She graduated from Westview High School in 1967 and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Manchester College in 1971. She earned a master's degree, also in elementary education, from IPFW in 1974. She was a member of the Central Church and was a past president of the board of directors for the Power House Youth Center in New Haven.

She was born March 21, 1949, in Goshen to Robert and Nancy (Stoltz) Sutton. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Topeka.

She had lived in the Fort Wayne area for the past 36 years. She married Brian R. Hooley on June 17, 1972. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Abby and Benji Knox of Pinnacle, N.C.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Cory and Sarah Hooley of New Haven and Derek and Angela Hooley of Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren, Cameron, Sadie and Miles Knox of Pinnacle, N.C.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jane and Vern Cookson of Indianapolis and Julie and Doug Feightner of Albion.

Services were Friday, Feb. 15 at Central Church, 5801 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastors Brian Gerig and Don Delegrange officiating. Burial was in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent on line at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Memorials are to Power House Youth Center, 830 Main St., New Haven, IN 46774.

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Garrett police break silence

Misunderstanding ended search for Avilla victim

BY SUE CARPENTER
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GARRETT — A DeKalb County sheriff's deputy may have misunderstood what a Garrett police officer told him Monday, during an incident that ended in a tragic death.

Duane Squire, 66, of Avilla, was found dead outside his car in a field east of Garrett Tuesday. His autistic grandson, Erich Squire, 14, survived after spending a night inside the car in single-digit temperatures.

Squire crashed his car in the field Monday afternoon. At least two people called 911 to tell county police that a car had gone into the field south of C.R. 48.

County officers arrived at the scene minutes later, but did not go into the field to investigate. Instead, they abandoned their search for the crash, believing that the driver of the vehicle was gathering wood.

Squire apparently was able to get out of his car after the crash, but had died by the time officers found him 22 hours later.

A few minutes after beginning a search for Squire Monday, a sheriff's deputy told his dispatcher, "I spoke to a Garrett (police) unit. The people that are back there have permission to be back there.

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AVILLA VICTIM: *Police chief calls situation 'tragic'*

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"No 10-50," the deputy added, using the radio code for a traffic accident. "They went back there on purpose."

But that's not exactly what the Garrett officer said, Garrett Police Chief Rex Harpel said Thursday in his first comments on the tragedy.

"My officer advised me what he told deputies at the scene," Harpel said.

The chief said a Garrett Police officer went to the crash scene, near C.R. 48 and C.R. 19, in response to a request by the sheriff's department to help in finding the reported traffic accident.

"He went out and looked on both sides of the road. The deputy was already there," Harpel said of his officer.

The Garrett officer spoke to the sheriff's deputy at the scene, and after no trace of an accident could be found, he began to leave, Harpel said.

Someone in a truck flagged down the Garrett officer as he was about to leave. The driver pointed out a vehicle in the field, but due to its distance from the road, only the top was visible. The Garrett officer could not tell if the vehicle was a car or truck from his vantage point, Harpel said

The Garrett officer pointed out the vehicle to the county deputy. He advised him that the Garrett Police Department had responded to a call about someone in the same location about a month earlier. At that time, the people involved had permission to be in the field, Harpel said.

"My officer advised the deputy that if it is the same people (as the previous call), they had permission. The deputy told him 'OK,' and my officer came back to the city," the Garrett chief said.

Harpel said the Garrett officer "relayed the information to a deputy at the scene. It was their call, their territory," he said, referring to the county officers.

Harpel emphasized that his officer merely advised the deputy of the previous incident, rather than assuring him that the vehicle in question had permission to be on the property.

After the deputy told his dispatcher about his conversation with the Garrett officer, the dispatcher relayed the information to eyewitness Cheryl Monroe of Auburn. She was talking with the dispatcher on her cell phone, trying to help deputies find Squire's car, which she could see from C.R. 48.

"They didn't wreck. They had permission to go out there. They've driven off the road on purpose," the dispatcher told Monroe.

Monroe told the dispatcher that she thought Squire's car had crashed, because it left the road at a high rate of speed.

The dispatcher told Monroe the erratic driving was "probably meant to be some sort of weird joke."

The dispatcher's conversations with Monroe and the deputy at the scene are captured in digital audio files. There is no recording of the exchange between the Garrett officer and the deputy.

"For us, it was just a normal assistance call from the county," Harpel said. "My officer pointed out (the vehicle in the field) to them. The vehicle was out there. We had been out there (last month). If it was the same people, then they had permission — but they couldn't see the vehicle," he said.

"It's very tragic, quite obviously," Harpel said. "We feel bad as to what happened."

An autopsy to determine why Duane Squire died is scheduled for today in Fort Wayne, according to DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner.

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Duane Squire

AVILLA — Duane C. Squire, 66, of Avilla was found dead on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, in DeKalb County near Garrett.

Mr. Squire had moved to the area in 1991 from Freeland, Mich.

He had been a doughnut baker for more than 40 years for Dunkin' Donuts in Fort Wayne. He had also worked for TDS Escort Service for a short time.

Mr. Squire

Mr. Squire was a Ham radio operator, enjoyed model trains, CBs, computers and going to the Avilla McDonald's in the morning for coffee.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and a member of the 21 Repeater Club.

Born June 13, 1942, in Midland, Mich., he was the son of Fred and Beatrice May (Pease) Squire. He married Julie Foerster at St. John Lutheran Amelith Church in Bay City, Mich., on July 20, 1965. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are six sons and a daughter-in-law, John Squire of Churubusco, Michael and Angela Squire of Butler, Randy Squire of Fort Wayne, Timothy Squire of Auburn, Terry Squire of Albion and Scott Squire of Avilla; a daughter, Cathy Squire of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Andrew, Ashley, Erich, Jared, Ricky and Allysa; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Joan Squire of Diablo, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral time will be announced later.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Floyd Miller

GOSHEN — Floyd J. Miller, 79, of Goshen died at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Miller operated his own buggy shop.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Oct. 2, 1928, in LaGrange to John and Sylvia (Miller) Miller. He married Sara L. Yoder on Feb. 17, 1949, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Eileen Miller of Elkhart, Vernon and Rose Miller and Marlin and Sherry Miller, all of Nappanee and Dean and Patty Miller of Syracuse; four daughters and three sons-in-law, LouEtta and Devon Slabaugh of Nappanee, Carolyn and Albert Miller and LaVerda and Mervin Miller, all of Middlebury, and Barb Miller of Goshen; 27 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ernie and Vesta Miller of Tennessee, Mervin and Judy Miller of New Paris and Ervin and Loretta Miller of Middlebury; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Esther and Mel Shrock and Nettie and Jake Miller, all of Wisconsin; two sisters-in-law, Iva Miller of Shipshewana and Anna Miller both of Wisconsin; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Lewis and Sara Beachey of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a great-granddaughter, Michelle Renee Miller; two brothers, his twin Lloyd and Vernon; and a sister, Edna Beachey.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the John Yoder residence, 12171 C.R. 34, Goshen, with Bishop Levi E.A. Bontrager, home ministers and the Rev. Mahlon Miller officiating. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be after all day today at the Harvey Kauffman residence, 12437 C.R. 34, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Betty Trowl

ALBION — Betty J. Trowl, 79, of Albion died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at 4:15 p.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier where she had been a resident since 2004.

Mrs. Trowl was a greeter at Wal-Mart in Kendallville.

She enjoyed going to yard sales, playing bingo, watching TV, traveling and eating out.

Mrs. Trowl was born June 20, 1928, in Noble County to John and Chole (Champman) Murphy. On Dec. 27, 1947, she married Walter D. Trowl in Albion. He died March 15, 2004.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Hughs of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery in rural Ligonier.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Shiloh Baptist Church.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

To send online condolences or to sign an online please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Jack Chaffins

GARRETT — Jack D. Chaffins, 47, of Garrett died Wednesday evening, Feb. 20, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Chaffins was a welder and a former employee of Garrett Tubular. He helped with the needs of his father at home. He enjoyed life and loved fishing and NASCAR.

He was born Sept. 17, 1960, in Middletown, Ohio, to James and Madeline (Kilgore) Chaffins. They survive in Garrett.

He married Penny Fike on Feb. 3, 1980, and although they are divorced, they have remained lifelong friends.

Also surviving are a son, Ryan Chaffins of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Deb Chaffins of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Randy Kimball of Waterloo; his companion, Jennifer Jones; and nieces and nephews, Holly Kimball, James Kimball, David Short, Joshua Chaffins, Tyler Chaffins and Calib Chaffins.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kylie Chaffins, and a brother, Johnny Chaffins.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Barbara Putman

ANGOLA — Barbara L. "Bobbi" Putman, 63, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, Fla.

She was a self-employed certified public accountant and business owner.

Ms. Putman was a spiritual person who enjoyed walking, painting, listening to Delbert McClinton and Kris Kristofferson, relaxing in Glen Arbor, Mich., and spending time with family and friends.

She was born July 12, 1944, in Bluffton to H. Wayne and Dorothy (Watrous) Hunt. Her mother survives in Bluffton.

Also surviving are one daughter, Angela Leach of Bluffton; a brother, Daniel Hunt of Craigville; two sisters, Virginia Strader of Fruit Heights, Utah, and Janet Hawley of Fort Wayne; and her former husband, Tom Putman, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her companion, James Anglin, in 1999.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Matthew Strader officiating.

Memorials are to Creative Arts Council of Wells County or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Dewan Deetz

AUBURN — Dewan O. Deetz, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

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Doris Putman

FREMONT — Doris Elnore Putman, 90, of Fremont died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Putman was retired from a position as office manager from Howard Sober Trucking Co.

She was born Oct. 2, 1917, in Logansport to George and Bertha (Scheile) Kapp. She married Lester W. Putman, who preceded her in death in 1970.

Surviving are two grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Scott and Denise Weikel of Angola and Bradley Weikel of Texas; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Beth and Larry Van Den Handel of Oakwood, Ga.; seven great-grandchildren, Ryan and Lynette Weikel, Adam Weikel, Mark Weikel, Lindsay Weikel, Matthew Weikel, Larry Van Den Handel Jr. and Caitlin Van Den Handel; one great-great-grandchild; one great-grandnephew and his wife, Ron and Brenda Johnston of Fremont; two great-great-grandnieces, Staci and Lindsay; one great-great-grandnephew, Derek; and one great-great-granddaughter, Taylor Weikel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Peter Putman, in 2005; a daughter, Doris Weikel in 2008; and two sisters.

Private family services will be held.

Cindy Barnes

ANGOLA — Cindy L. Barnes, 44, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, in Angola.

She was a homemaker. A member of Fairview Missionary Church, she loved spending time with her children and grandsons. She liked dolphins.

She was born Oct. 2, 1963, in Toledo, Ohio.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Keith Barnes of Columbus, Ga., and Korey and Kyla Barnes of Fremont; one daughter, Tia Barnes of Angola; and two grandsons, Kaiden and Brenan Barnes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating.

Calling will be 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to her daughter, Tia Barnes, in care of Beams Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Damon Casey

AUBURN — Damon W. Casey, 74, of Auburn, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at his home.

Born in Walkerton, Mr. Casey was a train dispatcher and chief clerk for CSX Transportation, formerly the B&O Railroad, for 41 years, retiring in 1994.

Mr. Casey

He was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett. He was a U.S. Navy 3rd Class Petty Officer from 1953-57 and a plank owner on USS Tom Green County LST 1159.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, gardening and bird watching.

He was married April 2, 1960, at the Washington Congregational Church in Toledo, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Judy A. Casey of Auburn; two sons, Gregory W. Casey of Auburn and Timothy D. Casey of New Haven; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Lori Casey of Buchanan, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Kylie, Austin, Rilley, Payton and Sean Casey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Henry and Clara Helen Casey, and two brothers, Dennis and Daniel Casey.

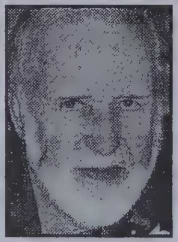
Services were conducted Monday at in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett, with military graveside rites by the Garrett post of the American Legion and the U.S. Navy.

Memorials are to Lutheran Worship for Shut Ins or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Charles Sanderson

FORT WAYNE — Charles H. "Charlie" Sanderson, 72, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008.

Born in Van Wert, Ohio, he was president of Superior Manufacturing Division in Fort Wayne for 44 years. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and enjoyed helping those in need.


Mr. Sanderson

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Gloria Sanderson of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck Jr. and Tammy Sanderson of Auburn and Scott and Jolene Sanderson of New Haven; three daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Eric Bruot of Churubusco, Kelly and Dale Ocock of Fort Wayne and Terri and Brad Parker of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clayton and Liz Sanderson of Leo and Craig and Cindy Sanderson of Auburn; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn and John Craine of Xenia, Ohio, Carol and Curt Proffitt of Van Wert, Ohio, and Cleona and Frank VanVoorhis of Conway, S.C.; his father, Clarence Sanderson of Van Wert, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl Sanderson, and mother, Clara Maye Sanderson.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at Fellowship Missionary Church, 2536 E. Tillman Road. The Rev. David N. DeSelm will officiate. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice Home.

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Autopsy yields no clues in death

BY LINDSAY WINSLOW BROWN
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AUBURN — An autopsy of a man who died this week in a field near Garrett revealed no clues about what caused his death, DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner said Friday afternoon.

More tests will be run in coming weeks, Warner said, and they could answer questions surrounding the death of Duane Squire, 66, of Avilla.

Squire

Squire was found dead Tuesday afternoon beside his car in a field east of Garrett. Eyewitnesses reported that he drove his car into a field south of C.R. 48 Monday afternoon for unexplained reasons.

Although police officers arrived at the scene minutes after 911 calls from the eyewitnesses, officers did not go into the field to investigate. Instead, they left the scene, mistakenly believing Squire had entered the field intentionally.

Warner said Squire had a history of epileptic seizures, which might have been a factor in causing him to drive off the road.

Squire was able to get out of his car after the crash, Warner said. He left muddy footprints and tracks around, on and in his car. According to a sheriff's deputy who found Squire's body Tuesday afternoon, footprints extended nearly 100 feet from Squire's car.

Monday night, Squire became the object of a missing-person search. Police found his body by tracing a signal from his cell phone.

Fred Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Fred J. Miller, 74, of Shipshewana died Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Santford Johnson

ANGOLA — Santford C. Johnson, 83, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Gretchen Fee

HAMILTON — Gretchen E. Fee, 85, of Hamilton, died Friday morning, Feb. 22, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fee had been an elementary school secretary and treasurer in the Hamilton Community School District from 1962 to 1984. She was a member of the Steuben County Council on Aging and the Hamilton Home Extension Club.

She was born Dec. 24, 1922, in Hamilton to Harry C. and Frances E. (Kepler) Fee. They preceded her in death.

She married Paul Fee on April 21, 1945, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and Jim Malone of Montpelier, Ohio, Jill and Donald Mason of Angola, Debbie and Wayne King of Butler and Terri and Randy Oberlin of Hamilton; eight grandchildren, Jamie Ward of Montpelier, Shawn Malone of Euless, Texas, Daniel Mason of Pleasant Lake, John Mason of Angola, Karen Mack of Hamilton, Mike King of Indianapolis, Jason Oberlin of Hamilton and Tracy Oberlin of Butler; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Anne London of Woodbridge, Ill.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Fee.

A celebration of life service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory of Hamilton. Burial will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospital Rehabilitation Center or the Steuben County Council on Aging.

The online guest book may be signed and private condolences may be sent by visiting www.oberlin-ford.com.

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Dewan Deetz

AUBURN — Dewan O. Deetz, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Deetz worked at Cooper Industrial Products for 35 years, retiring in 1995. He was a former volunteer firefighter for the Helmer Fire Department and was a past president of the United Rubber Workers Union local.

He was born April 17, 1932, in Helmer to Lawrence and Daisy (VanPelt) Deetz. They preceded him in death.

He married Virginia Ann Schultz Dickson on Oct. 27, 1983, in Corunna. She died Oct. 31, 1992.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Steven D. and Debra Deetz of Auburn, Allan W. and Joann Deetz of Hamilton, Randy L. and Becky Deetz of Waterloo and Glen O. and Joan Deetz of Auburn; three stepchildren, Craig Dickson and his wife, Candy Dickson, of Auburn, Vickie Messman of New Albany and Debra Miller of Auburn; five grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Deloris Emrick of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Anna Bell Smith, and a brother, Keith Deetz.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor John Napier will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Gloria Noll

WILLIS, TEXAS — Gloria I. Noll, 76, of Willis, Texas, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Noll

She was a member of the Senior Bowling League in Conroe, Texas.

On Aug. 6, 1931, she was born in Angola.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Zoe Ann and Billy Holmes of Cypress, Texas, and Dawn and Gary Dean of Huntington, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennie and Cindy Noll of Houston, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Ora Stayner of Ohio; three sisters-in-law, Delores Wolff of Ohio, and Bea Noll and Mary Lou Noll, both of Indiana; a brother-in-law, Walter Heller of Indiana; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Ira Noll, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Metcalf Funeral Chapel with graveside services at 2 p.m. in Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Texas. Pallbearers will be Dennis Noll Jr., Joey Noll, Clint Holmes, Tommy Holmes, Gary Dean Jr. and Kraig Kincannon.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Barbara Putman

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She was a self-employed certified public accountant and business owner.

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Also surviving are one daughter, Angela Leach of Bluffton; a brother, Daniel Hunt of Craigville; two sisters, Virginia Strader of Fruit Heights, Utah, and Janet Hawley of Fort Wayne; and her former husband, Tom Putman, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her companion, James Anglin, in 1999.

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Memorials are to Creative Arts Council of Wells County or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

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Theodosia Engle

GAHANNA, Ohio — Theodosia (Dodie) Engle, 84, of Gahanna, Ohio, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at her residence.

She was a 1941 Kendallville High School graduate, and attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. She was an accomplished artist.

Mrs. Engle was a parishioner at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church in Gahanna, where she was an alto in the church choir. Throughout the years she was also a violinist in two community orchestras.

On Oct. 27, 1923, in Fort Wayne, she was born to James and Celeste Walsh. She married Robert L. Engle. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Pat Engle of Gahanna, Ohio, John and Debbie Engle of Plain City, Ohio, Michael and Alice Engle of Aurora, Colo., and Christopher and Phyllis Engle of Newark, N.J.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Andrea and Paul Hoffman of Zanesville, Ohio, Celeste (Mindy) and Douglas Hardaway of Fredericksburg, Va., and Nella and Mitchel Paliobagis of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Rose Walsh; 19 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Eric Allen Hoffman; a great-grandson, Jeremy Bensema; two sisters; three brothers; and her parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church, Gahanna, Ohio, with Father Paul A. Noble officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at Schoedinger Northeast Chapel, Gahanna, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the St. Matthew's choir, St. Matthew's Building Fund or Mat. Carmel Hospice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to change the location of the funeral service.*

Betty Trowl

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Surviving are a sister, Mary Hughs of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery in rural Ligonier.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to Shiloh Baptist Church.

To send online condolences or to sign an online, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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February 24, 2008, Sunday

Tragic death weighs heavy on police

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — DeKalb County Police deputies and dispatchers will sit down today to talk about a death last week that might have been prevented.

Chief Deputy Jay Oberholtzer said he wants to let them express their feelings and discuss ways to prevent future tragedies.

"These are people who are here because their concerns are to help the public, and they feel a personal loss when something like this occurs," Oberholtzer said Friday. "It's something they don't take lightly at all."

Last week's tragedy began Monday afternoon, when Duane Squire, 66, of Avilla crashed his car east of Garrett for unknown reasons. Two witnesses called 911 to tell county police that a car had gone into a field south of C.R. 48.

County officers arrived at the scene minutes later, but did not go into the field to investigate. They abandoned their search for the crash, mistakenly believing that the driver of the vehicle was gathering wood.

Squire died alongside his car before officers found him 22 hours later. His autistic grandson, Erich Squire, 14, survived a night inside the car in freezing temperatures. An autopsy Friday could not pinpoint the cause of Duane Squire's death.

"It's such a jolt for them to have something like this happen, because they're out there for the complete opposite purpose – to save lives," Oberholtzer said. "We've got excellent officers. These people are just so dedicated."

Squire

Oberholtzer has been analyzing the sheriff's department's response to the situation since the middle of last week, listening to police radio traffic and telephone conversations with witnesses.

"I've been playing these tapes over and over again ... to see if there's anything we missed —

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POLICE: *Responding officers had at least two years of experience*

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anything we need to change — because it concerns me an awful lot," Oberholtzer said.

The officers involved included one road deputy with about two years of experience and another with four to five years on duty, Oberholtzer said.

The dispatcher who handled the incident has more than 10 years at the microphone.

"This incident is always going to be popping into their heads whenever they respond to anything" in the future, Oberholtzer said.

"It's going to change the way they do their jobs for the rest of their lives."

Oberholtzer said he does not know what procedures might change after today's debriefing about the incident. He does not expect any disciplinary actions.

"This concerns us so much, that I'm sure they're going to take whatever action is necessary to not be put in this position again," he said.

"The appearance or inference that they may not have been as concerned as they should have been is just not accurate at all."

Roy Malin-Ankenbrand

FORT WAYNE — Roy Malin-Ankenbrand, 58, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at St. Joe Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Malin-Ankenbrand was a licensed journeyman in electrical, mechanical and plumbing. He had been employed at the Steuben County Building Department as an inspector for the past eight years.

He had received his associate of applied science degrees in architectural technology and architectural drafting design from New Mexico State University.

He was born Nov. 5, 1949, in Santa Monica, Calif., to Dr. Roy and Dr. Rose Malin-Ankenbrand.

His family held a celebration of his life shortly after his death.

Memorials are to SCAN or Ronald McDonald House at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements were by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Josephine Eling

LAGRANGE — Josephine Eling, 89, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Millers Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Mildred Gropp

HUDSON — Mildred "Millie" Gropp, 79, of Hudson, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Fruip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Woman who made fish famous dies

BY JIM SHILANDER
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HUDSON — Mildred "Millie" Gropp, the woman who developed the breaded fish recipe which made her family's restaurant a hit throughout northeast Indiana, died unexpectedly Saturday at her home in Hudson. She was 79.

Gropp developed a special breading that, along with tartar sauce and coleslaw, brought many to her family's fish restaurant, Famous Fish of Stroh. The first restaurant was opened in 1956, and Gropp's recipes brought thousands into the small LaGrange County hamlet, enough that locations opened in the Fort Wayne area, as well as Michigan and Ohio.

Millie and Elvin Gropp had initially started their restaurant after selling their LaGrange farm. Millie Gropp sold her original restaurant in Stroh in 1995 to Shirley Burtch. Burtch, who now lives in Avilla, remembered Gropp as a woman who never turned anyone away.

"To me, she was very kind and caring," Burtch said Saturday evening. "She took care of everybody."

While the chain's restaurants closed in 2002 and 2003, a new location was opened in Fort Wayne in 2006, with new menu items that drew Millie Gropp's approval. Her son, Mark, served as general manager of the new venture. Fish from the restaurant was also served at the Noble County Fair.

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Salt of the earth farmer set example

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Four generations of the Gerald McLallin family are represented in this photo. Mr. McLallin is with his granddaughter, Jackie Lee; daughter, Penny Johnson; great-granddaughter, Abby Lee; and great-grandson, Evan Lee.

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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LIGONIER — Salt of the earth: A thoroughly good person; decent, dependable and unpretentious. There is not a better term to describe the late Gerald McLallin of Ligonier.

A hard worker and devoted family man who gave exorbitant amounts of time and effort to his community and to his church, Gerald McLallin was simply a good human being.

Born to Lawrence and Lura (Steller) McLallin in June 1922, Gerald was baptized at the Sparta United Church of Christ Church in Kimmel. He remained a devoted member for 85 years until his death.

Gerald, the second oldest child, and his two brothers and two sisters grew up on the family farm in York Township.

“He was the talker of the boys,” remembers his sister, Bonita Geiger of North Webster. “Gerald was humorous and outgoing.”

A strong work ethic and family values were instilled in the McLallin kids through lots of farming and household chores, but they enjoyed an abundance of family gatherings and neighborhood ice cream socials as well, Geiger said.

“I remember ironing a lot of white shirts for the boys” for church and social events, she said.

Gerald attended Cromwell High school, where he was on the basketball team. When he was 19 he met 16-year-old Patricia Warford in Kendallville on a double date. “He always liked to say I was a 10-cent bet,” Patricia remembers with a laugh. “There was a bet as to which girl Gerald would decide to ask out and it was me.”

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The couple fell in love and married at the Kendallville Presbyterian Church in 1943. They enjoyed 65 years together before Gerald's death on Jan. 4.

Gerald and Patricia had a house within walking distance to his parents' farm. They settled down and raised their family — Penny first, followed by Prudy, Paula, Michael, Pia and Peggy Sue.

Between Penny and Prudy, Gerald joined the U.S. Marine Corps and fought two years during World War II. That time of his life was a source of great pride, his wife said.

Upon his return to the States, Gerald became a member of the Cromwell/Sparta Township post of the American Legion. There, between 1945-1985, he served as chaplain and in the color guard. He later joined the Ligonier American Legion post and was a 23-year member, also serving in their color guard, and was a 16 year-member of the Sparta Township Advisory Board.

When he wasn't busy in the fields, he tended a large garden and took care of cattle, chickens and pigs. He sold eggs to Kroger grocery stores and the laying hens eventually made their way to the Campbell Soup Co. But he always found the time for family fun, worshiping God and serving his community, according to his family.

A 55-member of the Lions Club, he was named president five times, Lion of the Year twice and won other numerous awards including the WP Woods Award. He also drove a school bus for West Noble Schools for 16 years.

"He really enjoyed the kids," Patricia said. "He was the happy kind, easy to be around and talk to."

Gerald took great pride in having straight, weed-free rows in his fields and gardens and maintained a meticulous homestead.

He let the kids — who had the job of pulling weeds — know when they missed one, Penny remembers.

"When we were young, it was Dad that would fix breakfast, find lost shoes, missing homework, and get us off to school," said daughter Paula, and would recharge every afternoon with a 20-minute nap. "Then he was up, and back out in the fields or working in his garden again."

As the children grew, so did their responsibilities. Gerald gave each his or her own calf to raise, which meant feedings before school and cleaning stalls on the weekend — when they weren't in the field driving the tractor or helping load straw and hay.

"Bigger kids, bigger jobs," Penny said.

There was never any sleeping in at the McLellan house, according to Penny.

"On a Saturday morning when we were teens, I would hear Dad downstairs asking Mom where we were. His response might be, 'It's 8 a.m. and there's work to be done.'" Penny remembers. "But there was always time to play, as well."

He enjoyed swimming and would often come home tired and dirty from the fields, gather his children and drive to Diamond Lake.

"One of my fondest memories is listening to my Dad sing in church," Paula said. "Boy, could he sing! He had a beautiful voice."

An ardent St. Louis Cardinals fan, Gerald often watched one game on television while listening to another on the radio, keeping track of all effortlessly.

Gerald's Fourth of July parties were legendary. He enjoyed barbecuing chicken and burgers, accompanied by lots of other great food from the family's garden, for the crowd that visited his home. Later, he would pull up a hay wagon to set off fireworks.

The close-knit McLellan family was shattered when daughter Prudy — in her early 50s — lost her battle to breast cancer and died. "It affected him deeply," Patricia said of Gerald's grief.

"He was a man of honesty and integrity," Penny said of her father. "When he made a decision, he had given it a lot of thought, and his decision was final."

"He was a great man, a wonderful father," she continued. "We carry him with us daily in the way we live our lives."

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Rome City woman dies in crash

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — A Rome City woman died along with two other women in a traffic accident Sunday in northwest Missouri.

Julia A. Singh, 69, whose husband, Mike Singh, was a candidate in last week's Rome City Town Council election, died in the one-vehicle accident on U.S. 71 about eight miles northwest of Maryville, Mo.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol accident report, Singh was in a vehicle driven by Phillip E. Honan, 54, of Elmo, Mo., who was driving a 2005 Chevrolet Impala northbound at about 2:30 p.m. Honan swerved to avoid a southbound vehicle traveling in the center of the road on a curve.

The Chevrolet went off the road. Honan overcorrected, came back on the road and then went off the road again. The rear passenger side of the car struck a tree.

Also killed were passengers Inez E. Honan, 78, of Elmo, Mo., and Alma J. Morris, 85, of Clearmont, Mo. Inez Honan was the driver's mother.

Another passenger, Byron E. Honan, 78, of Elmo, Mo., Inez Homan's husband, received minor injuries.

Phillip Honan was not injured.

Those killed were pronounced dead at the scene by the Nodaway County coroner.

All five people were wearing seat belts, according to the police report.

Mildred Gropp

HUDSON — Mildred "Millie" Gropp, 79, of Hudson died unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Gropp

Mrs. Gropp moved to the Stroh area in 1956 from Walkerton.

She and her husband were the founders of Gropp's Famous Fish of Stroh.

Mrs. Gropp was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church and a member of the Altar Sodality and Rosary Sodality, a past president of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and the Kendallville VFW Auxiliary.

She was born on Dec. 22, 1928, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Frank and Catherine (Rieder) Hath. She married Elvin C. "Al" Gropp in Walkerton on April 14, 1948. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine Gropp of Mishawaka and Ruth and David Singleton of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Deborah Gropp of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Dorn of Buchanan, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Aaron Singleton in 1997.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church in rural Hudson with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Condolences may be submitted online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Miriam Becker-Coil

FORT WAYNE — Miriam Louise Becker-Coil, 76, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Becker-Coil

Mrs. Becker-Coil was a nationally awarded Christian poet and an amateur line drawing and watercolor artist.

She volunteered for several local charitable organizations.

She was born in Kendallville on June 5, 1931, to Ralph C. and Miriam A. (Warble) Becker. Her mother, Miriam A. Becker, survives in Kendallville and her father is deceased.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Stephen "Mike" and Victoria Coil of Huntington, Mark Coil of Fort Wayne, and Malcolm and Lynn Coil of Sycamore, Ohio; four grandchildren, Misty and Jesus N. Arellano and Jessica S. Updike, all of Huntington, and Levi J. Stires and Caleb M. Coil, both of Sycamore, Ohio; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen, Victoria Becker and Linda and Fred McWhinney, all of Kendallville, Janice and James Tuttle of Auburn and Rozanne Becker of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph Jr. and Sandy Becker of Fort Collins, Colo.; a brother-in-law, Allan Simon of Avilla; an aunt, Leona Becker of rural Hudson; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Ryder and Nancy Simon; a brother, Richard E. Becker; and a granddaughter, Rebecca Leah Coil.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with John P. DiMarzio officiating.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. A dinner will follow at Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St. in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Southwinds Church of Christ, 3500 Dicke Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Josephine Eling

LAGRANGE — Josephine Eling, 89, of LaGrange died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Eling

Mrs. Eling was a homemaker.

She was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange where she was involved in the Ladies Circle.

Mrs. Eling enjoyed gardening, sewing and embroidery work.

She was born May 24, 1918, in Lucas, Mich., to Myne R. and Elizabeth (Veltama) Meekhof. She married Howard Eling on May 12, 1937, in Missaukee County, Mich. He died April 24, 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Myron Eling and his wife, Roslyn, of Albion and Hilman Eling and his fiancee, Bess Priddy, of Centreville, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Robert and Lillian Deboer of Lake City, Mich., and Al and Myra Vandermolen of Grandville, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Gazina Meekhof of Grandville; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Francis Meekhof of East Lansing, Mich.; five grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Eric Eling in 1987; three sisters, Jeanette Nelson, Marie Schaaf and Anne Fuller; two brothers, Russell Meekhof and Corneilus Meekhof; and a daughter-in-law, Lois "Dolly" Eling.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Bernice Buchanan

COLUMBIA CITY — Bernice M. Buchanan, 92, of Columbia City and formerly of Blue Lake near Churubusco died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, in Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City following a brief illness. She had been a resident at the Oaks in Columbia City since April 2007.

Mrs. Buchanan

She had formerly worked for Monsanto in Ligonier for eight years and at Super Valu in Churubusco. She retired in 1994 from the Churubusco Post Office after eight years of service.

She was born Nov. 28, 1915, in Kokomo to Homer James and Flossie Mae (Smith) Troyer. She married Herschell L. "Red" Buchanan on Nov. 23, 1944. He died Oct. 6, 1982.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul A. and Nicolette Buchanan, Terry L. Buchanan and Sam J. Buchanan, all of Churubusco; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim D. and Betty Troyer of Mishawaka; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael James Buchanan; two grandsons Terry Buchanan Jr. and Michael Buchanan; a sister, Cecelia Winebarger; and three brothers, Louis, Cyrille and Howard Catallier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Sheet & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

To leave online condolences, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Carolyn Wright

CHURUBUSCO — Carolyn J. Wright, 77, of Churubusco died at 10:40 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Wright

Mrs. Wright spent her formative years in South Bend and graduated from John Adams High School in 1948. As a young woman she worked as a teller at First Bank & Trust. In 1963 the family moved to Churubusco, and she had worked for a period at Watson's Greenhouse in Churubusco and as a library assistant at Churubusco Public Library.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women's Grace Circle. She was named the United Methodist Women's "Woman of the Year" in 1997.

Mrs. Wright was also a former member of the Churubusco Literary Club, and the Churubusco Public Library Board of Trustees.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, reading, flowers, travel, golf, skiing, and wintering in Arizona since 1990.

She was born Aug. 25, 1930, in South Bend to Charles Dewey and Ella May (Tuley) Estep. She married Garold F. "Gary" Wright in South Bend on Nov. 9, 1952. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Janice Wright of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Kurt Uhen of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Kenneth Hall of Michigan City and Nancy and Elmer Vogelsang of Melrose, Fla.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Frances Estep of LaPorte and Ronald and Claudia Estep of Corpus Christi, Texas; and two grandchildren, John Wright and Sarah Wright.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Mary Jane Currey and Priscilla Alexander.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Public Library, Churubusco United Methodist Church, or Odyssey Health Care Foundation.

To leave online condolences visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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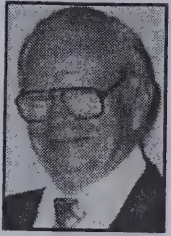
Santford Johnson

ANGOLA — Santford C. "Sandy" Johnson, 83, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.


Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson worked for 26 years as an engineering supervisor for NIPSCO. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He will be remembered as a man of character and integrity.

He was born in Williams County, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stanley and Mary Johnson, and Darrell Johnson, all of Angola; two brothers, Forrest Johnson of South Bend and Cyrus Johnson of Auburn; five grandchildren; three stepchildren, Lorie Baker of Fremont, Teri Sheneman of Ottawa, Ill., and Jason Bloomfied of Fort Wayne; and step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Angola.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Lester Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Lester D. Miller, 81, of Shipshewana died at 1:20 a.m. Monday at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Miller was a farmer. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born June 27, 1926, in Shipshewana to David and Mollie (Miller) Miller. He married Ida Bontrager on Oct. 19, 1950, in Middlebury. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lucy Miller of Shipshewana; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Melvin Miller of Elizabethtown, Tenn., Samuel and LeAnna Miller and Albert and Laura Miller, all of LeRoy, Mich., Amos and Fannie Miller of Howe, and LeRoy Miller of Middlebury; 33 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four brothers, Chriss and Lovina Miller of Vistula, Elmer and Mary Miller of New Paris, Dennis and Barbara Miller of LaGrange and Levi and Ida Miller of Shipshewna.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Sammie Miller Jr.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Allen Bontrager residence with home ministers officiating. Burial will be in New Pennsylvania Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Tuesday and all day Wednesday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Strock

LEO — Betty L. Strock, 87, of Leo died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Strock

Born in DeKalb County, she was a secretary at Leo Elementary School for 30 years, retiring in 1990. She previously was employed at Bendix in South Bend during World War II.

She was a member of Leo United Methodist Church for 50 years, was the financial secretary at the church and served on its building committee several times.

Surviving are her husband, Ernest "Ernie" Strock of Leo; a son, Tom Sebert of Spencerville; her stepchildren, Rita Walter of Auburn and Kevin and Randy Strock, both of Crossville, Tenn.; three sisters, Dorothy Willibey of Leo, Ruth Lucille Hollinger of Fort Wayne and June Chambers of Baltimore, Md.; two grandchildren, Melissa Lasher of Poughkeepsie, N.Y,. and Christina Sebert of Mount Laurel, N.J.; and two great-grandchildren, Allison and Chad Lasher of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Park Sebert, in 1967, and a stepson, Gary Strock.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to are to Leo United Methodist Church.

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Betty Swenson

FORT WAYNE — Betty Jean Swenson, 80, of Fort Wayne died Sunday morning, Feb. 24, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Swenson was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Mrs. Swenson

She was born June 30, 1927, in Woodruff to Virgil and Ruth (Bassett) Holsinger.

She married Alden M. Swenson on Dec. 29, 1946, in Howe. He survives. They celebrated 61 years of marriage in December.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Martin and Kathy Swenson, Allen Swenson and Gary and Janelle Swenson, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Ron Marhenke of Waterloo; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Martina and Kurt Tippman, Beau and Cindy Swenson, Heather Marhenke, Brett and Erin Marhenke, Staci Swenson, Daniel Swenson and Tyler Swenson; six great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Jean Holsinger of Mongo; and a sister, Maxine Hackett of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Holsinger; two sisters, Marjorie Ray and Margaret Woodmansee; and her parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss and Mark Zion will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Arthritis Foundation or Parkview Hospice.

Hilda Engle

LAGRANGE — Hilda Engle, 98, of LaGrange died at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Julee Lodder

MICHIGAN CITY — Julee Lodder of Michigan City, formerly of Fremont, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Life Care Center of Michigan City.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Jane Bangs

CHURUBUSCO — Jane Bangs, 95, of Churubusco died at 9:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Among her survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Mary Bangs of Churubusco.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Bangs, and a son, Timothy Bangs.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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3 boys die in northern Indiana rivers

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two boys died Monday hours after being pulled from an icy river in Fort Wayne, while rescue workers in Elkhart found the body of a 6-year-old boy who had fallen into a river the day before.

The boys in Fort Wayne, ages 4 and 9, were pronounced dead early Monday at Parkview Hospital, about five hours after they were pulled Sunday night from the frigid St. Marys River near an apartment complex, Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney Clear said.

He said the boys, who were unresponsive when they were found, never regained consciousness.

The Allen County coroner's office identified the boys as Kendal Dominick Lumpkin, 4, and Cody M. Mann, 9. The cause of death was listed as asphyxia because of drowning.

Police were called to an apartment complex near the river south of the Airport Expressway shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday by a relative, who reported that the boys were missing.

One boy was found about an hour later as police officers followed footprints from a playground behind the apartments to the river. The second boy was found in the river about a half-hour after that.

Meanwhile, crews in Elkhart County found the body of 6-year-old Andrew Hollis in the Elkhart River about 11 a.m. Monday. Divers located the boy's body entangled in debris about 35 feet from shore in about 7 feet of water.

The search for the boy began about 4 p.m. Sunday in the city about 15 miles east of South Bend. Authorities said he had been outside playing with his mother, went in to warm up and went back out to play. After about 30 minutes, the boy's mother noticed he was missing and called 911.

Clarence Norris

ROME CITY — Clarence Robert "Bob" Norris, 77, of Rome City died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Sharon Terry

KENDALLVILLE — Sharon Terry, 51, of Kendallville died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Albert Alazraki

ANGOLA — Albert E. "Al" Alazraki, 93, of Angola, formerly of Snow Lake, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Alazraki was born Jan. 14, 1915.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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Louis Arcioni

AUBURN — Louis R. Arcioni, 80, of Auburn and formerly of Muskegon, Mich., died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008.

Mr. Arcioni worked for Artistic Carton, formally Muskegon Paper Box, for 49 years and retired in 1990. He had lived in Auburn for the past 22 years.

He was an avid sportsman and loved to golf, fish and hunt. He also loved spending time with his family. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was the president of Aging & Home Services and the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 30, 1928, in Muskegon to Frank and Zelda (Cuykendall) Arcioni.

On Aug. 14, 1948, he married Lillian W. Allen in Muskegon. She survives

Also survving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Patricia Arcioni of Marshall, Mich., and Louis II and Annette Arcioni of Bradenton, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Ernest Davis of Muskegon, and Anna and Mark Randall Fox of Ruckersville, Va.; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rosemary Wiard, Delores Moore, Zelda and Wally Tiefenthal and Francis and Jerry Fernette.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Arcioni, in 1972; a brother, William Arcioni; and a sister, and Cathleen Link.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Michael Olson officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes Inc., 6291 S. Harvey St., Muskegon.

Memorials are to The American Heart Association or the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.sytsemafh.com.

J. Jesus Gonzalez

LIGONIER — J. Jesus Flores Gonzalez, 50, of Ligonier died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Gonzalez had resided in the area for four years, coming from Mexico.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

He was born June 10, 1957, in Lagunita De Los Flores, Aguascalientes, Mexico, to Ysidro Flores Garcia and M. Concepcion (Leos) Gonzalez. They both preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Francisca Madina (Madina) Gonzalez; two sons, J. Jesus Flores Malina and Aron Flores, both of Ligonier; two daughters, Christina Flores and Maria Flores, both of Ligonier; and four brothers, J. Dolores Flores, Mjisabel Flores, Miguel Flores and Juana Flores.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier. Burial will be at Panteon Jardines Eternos in Mexico.

Calling will be at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier following the funeral service.

Conde Guinn

FORT WAYNE — Conde L. Guinn, 66, of Fort Wayne and Port Charlotte, Fla., died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at his home in Port Charlotte.

Mr. Guinn

Born Oct. 13, 1941, in Auburn, Mr. Guinn served in the U.S. Army. He retired in 2002 from SuperValu Foods.

Surviving are his wife, Judy A.; three sons, Mark Snyder of Fort Wayne, Allen Snyder of Holmes Beach, Fla., and Shawn Guinn of Albuquerque, N.M.; three grandchildren, Dan, Nate and Rachael Guinn; and a brother and sister-in-law, Rodney and Theresa Guinn of Port Charlotte, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Guinn, and his parents George and Vivienne Guinn.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Pastor William Lepley will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-8 pm. and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana and Tidewell Hospice of Port Charlotte, Fla.

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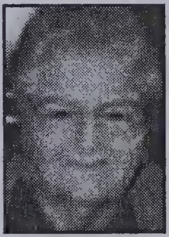
Leona McNabb

LAGRANGE — Leona McNabb, 90, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.


Mrs. McNabb

Mrs. McNabb had lived in LaGrange County since 1945 when she moved here from Texas.

She was a homemaker and a professional cook.

Mrs. McNabb was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo.

She was born on July 23, 1917, in Gonzales County, Texas, to Sam and Willie (Brice) Fisher. She married James R. "Jake" McNabb on Oct. 1, 1942, in San Antonio, Texas. He died Sept. 12, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorraine Walley of LaGrange; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Janice I. Manely on July 29, 1994; three brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from two hours prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences maybe left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Fred Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Fred J. Miller, 74, of Shipshewana died Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a truck driver.

He had moved to LaGrange County in 1969 from Philadelphia, Pa.

He was born Jan. 8, 1934, in Philadelphia to Fred L. and Irene Mae (Logan) Miller. He married Theresa M. Kaminski on Nov. 4, 1959, in Philadelphia. She preceded him in death on Oct. 7, 2007.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Tiffany Miller of Topeka; five grandchildren, Rebecca, Brock and Emily Miller, Kaylee Schrock and Kiah Baker, all of Topeka; two sisters, Violet Wright of Riverdale, Mich., and Deanna Bell of Gold Bar, Wash.; and a brother, Arthur Logan of Toronto, Canada.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Father Mark Weaver officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Lillian Butler

FORT WAYNE — Lillian F. Butler, 83, of Fort Wayne died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been a resident of Byron Health Center and had been hospitalized four days.

Mrs. Butler

Mrs. Butler had owned and operated the 33 Aquarium north of Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1990.

She spent her early years in Sullivan County and moved to Allen County in 1945.

Mrs. Butler was a member of Faith Missionary Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Butler was born in Merom in Sullivan County, Ind., on June 20, 1924, to Leonard and Gertrude (Harris) Thompson. She married Donald E. Butler in 1942. Mr. Butler preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1979.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Lorre Butler of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and their spouses, Donald and Amy Butler of Huntington, Barbie and Jerod Ashley of Phoenix, Ariz., and Daniel Butler, Jesse Butler, and Samuel Butler, all of Fort Wayne; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Raymond Thompson and Harold Thompson.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Richard Carpenter, associate pastor of Faith Missionary Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, northwest of Huntertown.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to Faith Missionary Church in Fort Wayne.

Send condolences online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Julee Lodder

MICHIGAN CITY — Julee Ann Lodder, 74, of Michigan City, formerly of Fort Wayne, Fremont, Auburn and South Bend, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at the Life Care Center of Michigan City.

Mrs. Lodder

Mrs. Lodder had worked at Lincoln National Bank in Fort Wayne, and was also a homemaker.

She was a 1952 graduate of Fremont High School. She attended International Business College in Fort Wayne and Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich. She loved music, playing the piano and attending the theater. She enjoyed hers sons' activities and accomplishments.

She was born Nov. 3, 1933, in Ray, Mich., to Carlyle and Juanita (Pridgeon) Mitchell. Both preceded her in death. She married James F. Lodder on June 1, 1956, in Angola. He died Nov. 2, 2006.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, James and Shari Lodder of Fremont, Jerry Lodder of Las Cruces, N.M., and John and Rochelle Lodder of Chicago; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janet Goodwin of Angola and Rose and Roger Burlingame of Fremont; and a brother and sister-in-law, Max and Thelma Mitchell of Fremont.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Ray-Covenanter Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association in care of the Steuben County Community Foundation.

Betty Welch

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. Welch, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at 12:30 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for the past eight years.

Mrs. Welch

Mrs. Welch was a homemaker and had lived at her Morton Street home for 68 years.

Her life centered around her family and she loved reading, cooking, cleaning house and traveling.

Mrs. Welch was a charter member of the Women of the Moose No. 1301.

She was born July 9, 1921, in Kendallville to Arthur "Shorty" and Edna (Griem) Glass. She married Wallace "Mike" Shultz on Nov. 22, 1938, in South Carolina. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1963. She then married Elroy E. Welch on Oct. 15, 1967, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Rebecca Kruger-Wolff of Auburn and Julie Scott of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Diana Boyer of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren and their spouses and companions, Laura and Dennis Eckert, Amy and Paul Pierce, Jennifer and John Anthrup, Molly and Gus Morrow, Babette and James Ball, Michael and Melissa Shultz, Adam Shultz and Courtney White, Brandee and Joseph Lash, Christopher Dieterle, Timothy and Tiffany Dieterle, Quinn Dieterle, Abigail and Jesse Cox, Zane Scott and Staci Wicker, and Fawn Scott; several great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Catherine Febles of California.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David A. Shultz in 1989; a sister, Mary Jane Rider in 2002; and a son-in-law, Lawrence Wolff in 2005.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with chaplain Tom Novy of Provena Sacred Heart Home officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be members of her family.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Charles Coffin

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Charles Thomas Coffin, 67, of Albuquerque, N.M., died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008.

A graduate of Purdue University, Mr. Coffin was recruited as a draftsman by Sandia National Laboratories, where he worked until his retirement in 2001. He had lived in Albuquerque since 1965.

He was an avid sports fan, and especially loved football, bowling, and boating. He was a stock car driver in Albuquerque for a number of years.

Surviving are his children, Curtis and Julie Coffin; his companion, Connie Herrera; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Nancy Coffin; a sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Tom Stark; his father-in-law, Bill Hill; a brother-in-law, Randy Hill, and his wife, Pat; two sisters-in-law, Linda Hill and Leslie Hill; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Ellen (Hill) Coffin, in 1994, and his parents, Oris and Florence Coffin.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 8 p.m. (Indiana time) at Northdale Baptist Church, 123 Osuna Road, Albuquerque.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 10501 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

French Mortuary, 1111 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, N.M., is handling arrangements.

Jane Bangs

CHURUBUSCO — Jane Bangs, 95, a longtime resident of Churubusco died at 9:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bangs

Mrs. Bangs and her husband, Rex, owned and operated the Bangs 5-cent to $1 store in Churubusco for 32 years.

In addition to her business concerns, she held memberships in several organizations and participated in various community activities. Mrs. Bangs was one of the organizers of Churubusco Elementary School's first kindergarten.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and was a past worthy matron of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

She was an organist and attendant at the former Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco and was an active member for 13 years and former vice chairwoman of the Whitley County Republican Party.

Mrs. Bangs was a past president of the Columbia City chapter of Tri-Kappa Sorority, was a Whitley County Red Cross blood program chairwoman for 33 years, and served as a Gray Lady for many years. For 19 years, Mrs. Bangs was chairwoman of the Churubusco Public Library Board of Trustees, and in 1971 she received the Distinguished Service Award from the United States Jaycees. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1975, she was presented the Sagamore of the Wabash by former Gov. Otis R. Bowen, and was named grand marshal of the 1994 Turtle Days parade.

Mrs. Bangs was born on June 20, 1912, in Bluffton to A.N. and Jessie Jane (Martz) Plessinger. She spent her formative years there and graduated from Bluffton High School. While in Bluffton she had been employed as a private secretary for the John A. Morris Co., was a Girl Scout leader, organist of the Bluffton Presbyterian Church, and vice president of the Tri-Kappa Sorority.

She married Rex D. Bangs on April 3, 1938. Mr. Bangs preceded her in death on June 15, 1970.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Mary Bangs of Churubusco; three grandchildren and their spouses, Trisha and Randy Hockemeyer of Decatur, Sarah and Chris Tomlinson of Churubusco, and Laura Blackmon of Fort Wayne; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Timothy Rex Bangs on Sept. 26, 1965; a brother, James B. Plessinger; and two sisters, Helen Carriger and Betty Johnston.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Kerry L. Niman of Eel River Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to the Churubusco Public Library or the American Heart Association.

Send condolences online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Robert Yoder

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Robert E. Yoder, 80, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008. at Heritage Park in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Yoder was employed as a truck driver at Universal Tool in Butler. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving in World War II, and was a past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born March 31, 1927, in Wheeler, Ill., to Moses and Ione Chloe (McCarthy) Yoder.

He married Roxanna Kuhl on Aug. 30, 1986. She died in 2002.

Surviving are a daughter, Debbie Yoder, and two sons, Robert Jr. and Ronald, all of Butler; three stepchildren, Beth Hughes of Antwerp, Ohio, Alice Moriearty of Plano, Texas, and Bill Volkert of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Don of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy Yoder; a sister. Ione Matthews; and two brothers, Jack and Melvin.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio. Burial will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville, with graveside military honors by VFW Post 5665 of Sherwood, Ohio.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3–5 and 6–8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice or Heritage Park.

Julia Singh

ROME CITY — Julia Ann Singh 69, of Rome City and formerly of Clearmont, Mo., died in a traffic accident on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, near Maryville, Mo.

She graduated from Clearmont High School in 1955. In 1959 she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and a master's degree in education from Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Singh worked in the accounting department of Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.

She was born July 21, 1938, in Clearmont, Mo., to Len Curtis and Bessie Clara (Lyle) Daise. She married Mahesh "Mike" Singh on Nov. 18, 1962, in Clearmont. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raj and Melissa Singh of San Jose, Calif., and Dave and Ellen Singh of Edwardsville, Ill.; and five grandchildren, Zoe, Eden, Katelyn, Michael and Anna Singh.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Price Funeral Home Chapel, 120 E. First St., Maryville, Mo. Burial will be in Prairie Home Cemetery at Graham, Mo.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday prior to services.

Memorials are to the Rome City United Methodist Church, 297 Washington St., Rome City, IN 46784.

Richard Conner

CHURUBUSCO — Richard Lee Conner, 68, of Churubusco died Wednesday morning, Feb. 20, 2008, in the emergency room of Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, following a sudden illness.

Mr. Conner grew up in the Churubusco area and entered the U.S. Air Force, serving 20 years. He was stationed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam as a mobile explosive ordnance disposal team member under hostile fire. He was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant and received the Bronze Star.

After retiring from the Air Force, he was a truck driver for Lakeside Transport Co. in Wolcottville. He retired in 1990, but continued to drive for the company part-time. He loved to fish, and was a member of the Churubusco post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Nov. 16, 1939, in Churubusco to Howard and Leila M. (Krieger) Conner.

He married Dorothy L. Sagee in Denver. She survives.

Also surviving are three children and their spouses, Shawn L. and Micheal Hartman of Churubusco, Steven E. Conner of Churubusco and Julie and Estill Stratton of Albion, a sister Ruth Ann Morgan of Albion, and six grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Conner, and an infant sister, Margaret Conner.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, 206 N. Main St., Churubusco.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Snowmobile crash kills Auburn man, 53

AUBURN — An Auburn man died after crashing a snowmobile Tuesday night, according to Indiana Conservation Officers.

Terry D. Crabill, 53, sustained fatal injuries to his chest, a news release said.

Crabill was operating a snowmobile on C.R. 43, northeast of Auburn, at approximately 9:50 p.m. when he left the roadway and entered a field south of West Smith Ditch. He then entered the ditch at a high rate of speed and became airborne. His snowmobile struck the west bank of the ditch head-on, throwing Crabill into the handlebar.

A DeKalb EMS ambulance took Crabill to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, where he died at 11:11 p.m.

Indiana Conservation Officer Jim Price investigated the accident. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and the Auburn Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Jossie Long

CHURUBUSCO — Jossie L. Long, 90, formerly of Churubusco died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Among her survivor are a daughter, Constance Gantt, and a son, Joseph "Eddie" Long Jr.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Send condolences online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Sharon Terry

Mrs. Terry

KENDALLVILLE — Sharon Kay Terry, 56, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Terry was a homemaker. She had worked at King Seeley for 11 years and Key Plastics in Ashley for four years.

Mrs. Terry enjoyed flowers, gardening and spending time with her pets.

She was born May 15, 1951, in Kendallville to Howard Jay and Ruth Harriett (Wilson) Freed. She married Bill E. Terry on July 2, 1966, in Brimfield. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her mother, Ruth Free, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, Benny and Pam Terry and Christopher and Crystal Terry, all of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth "Dolly" and Bob Kollman of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Sally Freed of Rome City.

Her father preceded her death in September 2006.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Joel Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Send condolences to the family or view a video tribute at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dale Danner

LEESBURG — Dale A. Danner, 69, of Leesburg died at 5:05 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

He retired in 1989 as a lab tech at Syracuse Rubber Co. after more than 30 years of service.

Mr. Danner was a lifetime Kosciusko County area resident and attended North Webster High School.

He was formerly a member of the Tri County Bass Master Fisherman's Club.

He was born June 9, 1938, in Etna Green to Seward D. and Emma E. (Pittman) Danner. He married Carman S Brower on Sept. 7, 1957, in Pierceton. She survives in Leesburg.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Scott Brandel of Leesburg and Kimberly and Bernie Wilson of Warsaw; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Robin Danner of Cromwell; six grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; 14 stepgreat-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher of New Beginnings Community Church of Atwood officiating. Burial will be at North Webster Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

To send condolences online, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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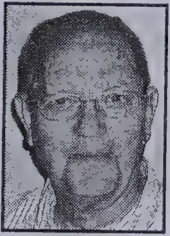
Clarence Norris

ROME CITY — Clarence Robert "Bob" Norris, 77, of Rome City died at 1:17 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at his residence.



Mr. Norris

Mr. Norris was a tool and die maker, retiring from Pent Industries. He had previously worked at King Seeley in Kendallville and Wayne Home Equipment in Fort Wayne. Most recently, he worked for his son, Randy, at R&S Boats in Rome City.

He graduated from Junction City High School, Junction City, Ohio. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Norris enjoyed being with his grandchildren, woodworking and collecting vintage cars.

He was born April 29, 1930, in Pomroy, Ohio, to the Rev. Lawrence T. and Belinda (Wolf) Norris. He married Elaine Sampson Pippenger on Dec. 20, 1969, in Decatur. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy Lee and Sandra Pippenger of Rome City, Michael Dene and Laurie Norris of Albion and Jon Robert and Melodie Norris of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Connie Bobbitt of Mesa, Ariz.; Donna and Charles McWhorter of Lady Lake, Fla., Evelyn and Tom Shea of Lancaster, Ohio, and Linda and Jerry Kaehr of Chula Vista, Calif.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Delight "Dee" Norris of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Makota Zane Norris; and three brothers, Lawrence Norris, Charles Norris and James Alfred Norris.

Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City, with military honors by VFW Post 2749. Pallbearers will be Vietnam veterans.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Conwell

CHURUBUSCO — Robert E. Conwell, 61, of rural Churubusco died at 12:26 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for some time and had been hospitalized for the past eight days.

Mr. Conwell

He had been an owner/operator truck driver for most of his life and had lived in the Churubusco area the past 35 years. He had also worked for Evans Equipment in Butler, retiring from there in 2004 due to ill health.

He was a member of Teamsters Local 414. He was also a member of UNISAC Outlaw Sprints, the National Tractor Pullers Association, and the Slaves and Masters bowling league.

Mr. Conwell attended Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, pitching horseshoes and racing.

He was born in Muncie on June 8, 1946, to Harry and Neva (Bright) Conwell. He married Doris Lower on June 9, 1965, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Roberta Conwell of Churubusco; two sons, Scott Conwell of Churubusco and Joe Conwell of Columbia City; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Georgie Conwell, Max and Ella Conwell, and Mike and Cindy Conwell, all of Muncie; a sister, Sheila McGarey of Muncie; three stepbrothers; two stepsisters; and six grandchildren, Jamie Conwell, JoLynn Conwell, Daielle Conwell, Dakota Conwell, Cody Conwell and Bailey Conwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Harry Conwell Jr., Danny Conwell and Bill Conwell; and two sisters, Sharon Conwell and Sue Davenport.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Paul D. White and Carl Kallsen officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

Send condolences online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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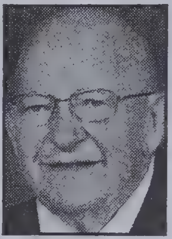
John Pabst

ANGOLA — John H. Pabst, 81, of Angola and formerly of Osceola died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing Center in Angola.



Mr. Pabst

Mr. Pabst worked as a pharmacist for Judd Drugs, retiring in 1996 after 33 years. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

He was a member of the Osceola United Methodist Church, and now the Angola United Methodist Church; Lions Club, serving as past deputy district governor; Osceola Business Men; and Elkhart County Pharmacy Association, where he served as president. He was a member of the Penn Booster Club and a life member of VFW Post No. 1130.

He was born on July 17, 1926, in South Bend, to Herman and Nettie (Weiss) Pabst. She married Marianne White on Jan. 24, 1948, in South Bend. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Frank Harley of Jenison, Mich., Johanna and Robert Ritenour of Angola and Connie and Kirk Nitz of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Barbara Pabst of Lincolnwood, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a niece, Susan Rece of Osceola.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Pabst, and two sisters, Jo An Powell and Kathryn Ann Rece.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m., March 8, with military honors, in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Osceola.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

The Zimmerman-Inman Funeral Home in Osceola is assisting the family with arrangements.

Albert Alazraki

ANGOLA — Albert E. Alazraki, 93, of Angola and formerly of Snow Lake, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Alazraki

Mr. Alazraki was retired from hotel management, working for 23 years for the Hilton hotels, beginning at the Conrad Hilton hotel in Chicago, became director of sales at the New York Statler, then helped to re-open the Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati as an Omni Hotel. He also ran a theatrical agency in Brussels, Belgium.

He came to the United States in 1955. He became a naturalized citizen on Oct. 24, 1961, in Chicago. He graduated from the Agricultural University of Gembloux, near Brussels, with a degree in tropical agronomy. In 1939, he was drafted into the Belgian army and in May 1940, he was captured and became prisoner of the Germans. He spent the next year in a camp for military prisoners on the Polish border. He participated in several international organizations, in particular the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. He was president of the Pan American Council of Chicago, and president of two separate French Clubs. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Angola, serving as president in 1997-98, and served as editor of the club's bulletin for five years.

He was born Jan. 14, 1915, in Brussels to Isaac and Germaine C. (DeGroote) Alazraki. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by two nephews, Gregory O'Hara of Palatine, Ill., and Dominick O'Hara of Ingleside, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary O'Hara.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont, with the Rev. E. Brian Carsten. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Evelyn Eyrich

ANGOLA — Evelyn M. "Narby" Eyrich, 77, of Angola and formerly of Bourbon died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Eyrich helped her husband, Carl, run their farm, collecting and selling eggs, tending the animals and helping with field work. She also worked at Orthopedic Equipment Co. in Bourbon.

She was very active in her church, the House of Prayer, where she was a lifetime member. She was active in the women's ministry. She enjoyed fishing and making afghans. She was known across the county for the noodles and angel food cakes that she made for the church. She graduated from West High School in 1948.

She was born June 29, 1930, in LaPaz to Samuel Homer Oliver and Esther Hester Hildebrandt Thornburg. Both preceded her in death. She married Carl Eyrich in Plymouth on July 4, 1948. He died in June 1998.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Betsy Eyrich of Angola; a grandson, Thomas Stephen Eyrich of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Dennis Zent of Nappanee; a brother, James Thornburg of Donaldson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Christina Correll-Laughry, and a brother, Eugene Thornburg.

Services will be Friday at noon at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Ron Humphrey officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bourbon.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, and after 7 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.johnson-danielson.com.

Lucille Phillips

FREMONT — Lucille Phillips, 87, of Fremont died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Phillips

Mrs. Phillips was a homemaker.

She graduated in 1939 from Angola High School. She enjoyed traveling and shopping with family members and she and her husband enjoyed antique auctions and collecting antiques. She particularly enjoyed hosting holiday dinners attended by her large family. For many years she joined her Angola High School Class of 1939 classmates for their monthly breakfasts. Her life revolved around her family.

She was born Oct. 24, 1920, in Metz to Reuben and Adessa "Dessie" (Ferrier) Dunham. Both preceded her in death. She married John Selby Phillips on Dec. 24, 1939 in Angola. He died on Nov. 30, 1984.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Diane Phillips of Antwerp, Ohio, and Larry and Jennie Phillips of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Penny and Walter Bidlack, Paula and Lynn Blue and Shirley Friel, all of Angola; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one step-great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Dunham of Camden, Mich., and Dale Dunham of Gary, and a sister, Maxine Phillips of Highland.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Flint.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Lyle Reiff

FREMONT — Lyle Eugene Reiff, 92, of Lake George died Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Reiff was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Jack Schlotterback

PLYMOUTH — Jack L. Schlotterback, 77, of Plymouth died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 27, 2008, Wednesday

Richard Lee Conner, 68

CHURUBUSCO - Richard Lee Conner, age 68, a resident of West Washington Street, Churubusco, Indiana died Wednesday morning February 20, 2008 in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, Indiana following a sudden illness.

Mr. Conner was born November 16, 1939 in Churubusco, Indiana a son of the late Howard and Leila M. (Kreiger) Conner. He spent his formative years in the Churubusco area and entered the US Air Force where he served faithfully for 20 years. During his military service he was stationed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, in the Republic of Vietnam as a Mobile Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team member under hostile fire. He was also promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant and received the Bronze Star, and was united in marriage in Denver, Colorado to the former Dorothy L. Sagee. After retiring from the Air Force he was a truck driver for Lakeside Transport Co. in Wolcottville, Indiana. He retired from there in 1990 but continued to drive for them part time. He loved to fish, and was a member of the Churubusco V.F.W.

The survivors include his wife Dorothy Conner; their children Shawn L. (Micheal) Hartman and Steven E. Conner, both of Churubusco, and Julie (Estill) Stratton of Albion; One sister Ruth Ann Morgan of Albion and six grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Robert Conner and an infant sister Margaret Conner.

The family will receive friends in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home on Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. A memorial service honoring Richard's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

To leave a condolence for the family of Mr. Conner, please visit www.sheets and childs.net.

Betty J. Trowl, 79

ALBION - Betty J. Trowl, 79, of Albion, died February 20, 2008 at 4:15 PM at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier. She had been a resident there since 2004.

She was born June 20, 1928 in Noble County to John and Chole (Champman) Murphy. On December 27, 1947 she married Walter D. Trowl in Albion. He died on March 15, 2004. Mrs. Trowl was a greeter at Wal-Mart in Kendallville, and enjoyed going to yard sales, bingo, TV, traveling and eating out.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Hughs of Fort Wayne and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Trowl were at Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier. The Rev. Jimmy Shepherd will officiate.

Burial was at Salem Cemetery in rural Ligonier.

Please make memorials to Shiloh Baptist Church.

To send online condolences or to sign an online please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 27, 2008, Wednesday

Josephine Eling, 89

LAGRANGE - Josephine Eling, age 89, of LaGrange, died February 23, 2008 at 2:15 PM at Millers Merry Manor in Lagrange.

She was born May 24, 1918 in Lucas, Michigan the daughter of Myne R. and Elizabeth (Veltama) Meekhof.

Josephine was a Homemaker her whole life. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, Indiana and was involved in the Ladies Circle at the church. Along with being a homemaker, Josephine enjoyed gardening, sewing and embroidery work.

She married Howard Eling on May 12, 1937 in Missaukee County, Michigan. He preceded her in death on April 24, 1987.

Surviving relatives are two sons, Myron R. (Roslyn) Eling of Albion, Indiana and Hilman Eling and his fiance Bess Priddy of Centerville, Michigan; two sisters, Lillian (Robert) Deboer of Lake City, MI and Myra (Al) Vandermolen of Grandville, MI; a brother, Frank (Gazina) Meekhof of Grandville, MI; and a sister-in-law, Francis Meekhof of East Lansing, MI.

Preceding her in death besides her husband and parents was a grandson, Eric Eling in 1987; three sisters, Jeanette Nelson, Marie Schaaf and Anne Fuller; and two brothers, Russell Meekhof and Corneilus Meekhof, and a daughter-in-law Lois (Dolly) Eling.

Funeral service was at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, officated by Pastor Chris Danielson. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, Indiana.

On-line condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net

Jack D. Chaffins, 47

GARRETT — Jack D. Chaffins, 47, of Garrett died Wednesday evening, Feb. 20, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Chaffins was a welder and a former employee of Garrett Tubular. He helped with the needs of his father at home. He enjoyed life and loved fishing and NASCAR.

He was born Sept. 17, 1960, in Middletown, Ohio, to James and Madeline (Kilgore) Chaffins. They survive in Garrett.

He married Penny Fike on Feb. 3, 1980, and although they are divorced, they have remained lifelong friends.

Also surviving are a son, Ryan Chaffins of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Deb Chaffins of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Randy Kimball of Waterloo; his companion, Jennifer Jones; and nieces and nephews, Holly Kimball, James Kimball, David Short, Joshua Chaffins, Tyler Chaffins and Calib Chaffins.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kylie Chaffins, and a brother, Johnny Chaffins.

Services were at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 27, 2008, Wednesday

Miriam Louise Becker-Coil, 76

FORT WAYNE — Miriam Louise Becker-Coil, 76, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Becker-Coil was a nationally awarded Christian poet and an amateur line drawing and watercolor artist.

She volunteered for several local charitable organizations.

She was born in Kendallville on June 5, 1931, to Ralph C. and Miriam A. (Warble) Becker. Her mother, Miriam A. Becker, survives in Kendallville and her father is deceased.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Stephen "Mike" and Victoria Coil of Huntington, Mark Coil of Fort Wayne, and Malcolm and Lynn Coil of Sycamore, Ohio; four grandchildren, Misty and Jesus N. Arellano and Jessica S. Updike, all of Huntington, and Levi J. Stires and Caleb M. Coil, both of Sycamore, Ohio; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen, Victoria Becker and Linda and Fred McWhinney, all of Kendallville, Janice and James Tuttle of Auburn and Rozanne Becker of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph Jr. and Sandy Becker of Fort Collins, Colo.; a brother-in-law, Allan Simon of Avilla; an aunt, Leona Becker of rural Hudson; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Ryder and Nancy Simon; a brother, Richard E. Becker; and a granddaughter, Rebecca Leah Coil.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with John P. DiMarzio officiating.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. A dinner will follow at Faith United Methodist Church, 411 Harding St. in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Southwinds Church of Christ, 3500 Dicke Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Duane C. Squire, 66

AVILLA — Duane C. Squire, 66, of Avilla was found dead on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, in DeKalb County near Garrett.

Mr. Squire had moved to the area in 1991 from Freeland, Mich.

He had been a doughnut baker for more than 40 years for Dunkin' Donuts in Fort Wayne. He had also worked for TDS Escort Service for a short time.

Mr. Squire was a Ham radio operator, enjoyed model trains, CBs, computers and going to the Avilla McDonald's in the morning for coffee.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and a member of the 21 Repeater Club.

Born June 13, 1942, in Midland, Mich., he was the son of Fred and Beatrice May (Pease) Squire. He married Julie Foerster at St. John Lutheran Amelith Church in Bay City, Mich., on July 20, 1965. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are six sons and a daughter-in-law, John Squire of Churubusco, Michael and Angela Squire of Butler, Randy Squire of Fort Wayne, Timothy Squire of Auburn, Terry Squire of Albion and Scott Squire of Avilla; a daughter, Cathy Squire of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Andrew, Ashley, Erich, Jared, Ricky and Allysa; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Joan Squire of Diablo, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral time will be announced later.

To send online condolences or to sign an online register go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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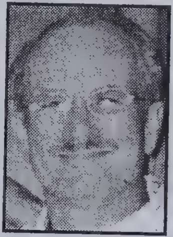
Terry Crabill

AUBURN — Terry D. Crabill, 53, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, in Auburn.

Mr. Crabill had been president of Coreteck in Fort Wayne for two years. He previously was a supervisor at Auburn Foundry for 35 years.


Mr. Crabill

He was secretary of AFS, secretary of the Midwest Regional Conference of Foundrymen and a member of Shifters Car Club and Jaycees. He also was a member of the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn.

He was born July 3, 1954, in Auburn and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1973.

Surviving are his wife, Julie Crabill of Auburn; his parents, Alva and Bonnie Crabill of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Nick and Shannon Scheumann of Auburn; a son, Stuart Crabill of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Cheryl Crabill of West Lafayette; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Steve and Sally Hoeppner of Berne, Mark and Penny Newlin of Tell City and Greg and Jeri Hippensteel of Columbia City; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Gary and Deb Robbins of Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in County Line Church of God. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 1-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Kenneth Sisco

BRADENTON, Fla. — Kenneth W. Sisco, 51, of Bradenton, Fla., and formerly of Fremont died Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at Hospice Center in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Sisco had worked at the Sea Place resort in Bradenton.

He had lived in Bradenton for four years.

He was born April 28, 1956, to Carl Sisco and Lynette Barton. He was married to Ronda Sisco for 30 years. She survives.

He is also survived by his mother, Lynette Barton of Albion; father, Carl Sisco of Bluffton; a son, Gary Sisco of Bradenton; a daughter and son-in-law, Rikki and Adam Matthews of Bradenton; two grandchildren, Evy and Korah; six sisters, Tina Frankenbier of Dayton, Ohio Karla Pryor of Dunkirk, Michelle Engle of Bluffton, Gloria Currie of Fremont, Linda Vickers of Auburn and Nisha Smith of Bradenton; and a brother, Thelmer Sisco of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by a brother, DeWayne Sisco, in 1990, and his grandparents.

Services will be at the Sea Place resort in Bradenton at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the clubhouse.

Allen Clare

AUBURN — Allen M. Clare, 80, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Flatrock, Miss., Mr. Clare was a truck driver with Roadway for 18 years and Motorfreight for 18 years. He was a greeter at Wal-Mart in Auburn for seven years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Mizpah Shrine (for 30 years), York Rite, Knights Templar and Blue Lodge and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He also was a member of Teamsters Local 24.

His wife, Gloria Clare of Auburn, survives.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northshore Animal League.

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Jossie Long

CHURUBUSCO — Jossie L. Long, 90, a former resident of Churubusco, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at 7:30 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Long

She had been in declining health for several years and had been a patient at the hospital for the past 16 days.

Mrs. Long was employed as an inspector with Magnavox in Fort Wayne for more than 30 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church. In her leisure time, she enjoyed gardening, fishing, gathering nuts and cooking.

She was born May 7, 1917, in Bluefield, W.Va., to Frank and Dorothy (Bryant) Clyburn. At age 17, she moved to Waterloo with her family.

She married Joseph E. Long on Nov. 28, 1935, in Albion. They lived all of their married lives n Churubusco. He died May 3, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Connie Gantt of Hudson, with whom she made her home; a son, J. Edgar Long of Commerce, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Jenny Clyburn of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren, Kristen Johnson and her husband, Steve, of Kendallville, Jennifer Long of Atlanta, Ga., and Becky Severe and William Gantt, both of Hudson; and four great-grandchildren, Megan Severe, Ryan Severe, Nikki Gantt and Bill Gantt Jr.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Francis Harless and Jewel Clyburn, and two brothers, Luther Clyburn and Walter Clyburn.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Churubusco United Methodist Church. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Virginia Humphrey

HOWE — Virginia S. "Ginny" Humphrey, 66, of South Twin Lake, Howe died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange in LaGrange.

Mrs. Humphrey

Mrs. Humphrey worked at Benton's Clothing in South Bend, Multi-Plex in Howe and Owens Classic and Continental Accessories, both in Sturgis, Mich.

In 1972, Mrs. Humphrey moved to Howe from South Bend where she graduated from Washington Clay High School in 1960.

Mrs. Humphrey was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

She was an avid card player.

Mrs. Humphrey will be remembered as a gracious lady and for planning great parties on South Twin Lake.

She was born Feb. 3, 1942, in South Bend to John and Vera (Lewis) Dyczko. She married John A. "Jack" Humphrey on May 9, 1964. He survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and James O'Brien of Granger and Sarah and Andy Banning of Noblesville; five grandchildren, James, Joshua, Margaret and Elizabeth O'Brien and Zachary Banning; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Beverly Dyczko of South Bend and Greg and Ann Dyczko of Niles, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John Dyczko.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in South Bend.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Send condolences to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Hilda Engle

LAGRANGE — Hilda L. Engle, 98, of LaGrange and formerly of Shipshewana died at 7:15 a.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Engle moved to the LaGrange area from Swan Township in Noble County 50 years ago.

She was a homemaker and an avid doll collector.

She was born Aug. 3, 1909, to Hoin and Elsie (Long) Marsh. She married Dallas Engle on Sept. 26, 1931, in Jackson, Mich. He died July 10, 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosemary Young of Nevada; a brother, Everett Marsh of Albion; and three grandchildren, Christopher DeGroot, Michael DeGroot and Lisa Allred, all of California.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dale Marsh.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Associate Pastor Denise Heller of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

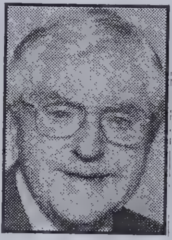
Send condoleces to the family at condolences@earthlink.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Albert Alazraki

ANGOLA — Albert E. Alazraki, 93, of Angola and formerly of Snow Lake died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Alazraki was retired from hotel management, working for 23 years for the Hilton hotels, beginning at the Conrad Hilton hotel in Chicago, became director of sales at the New York Statler, then helped to re-open the Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati as an Omni Hotel. He also ran a theatrical agency in Brussels, Belgium.


Mr. Alazraki

He came to the United States in 1955. He became a naturalized citizen on Oct. 24, 1961, in Chicago. He graduated from the Agricultural University of Gembloux, near Brussels, with a degree in tropical agronomy. In 1939, he was drafted into the Belgian army and in May 1940, he was captured and became prisoner of the Germans. He spent the next year in a camp for military prisoners on the Polish border. He participated in several international organizations, in particular the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. He was president of the Pan American Council of Chicago, and president of two separate French Clubs. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Angola, serving as president in 1992-93, and served as editor of the club's bulletin for five years. He served as Rotary District No. 6540 district governor from 1997-98, and oversaw 57 rotary clubs during that period.

He was born Jan. 14, 1915, in Brussels to Isaac and Germaine C. (DeGroote) Alazraki. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by two nephews, Gregory O'Hara of Palatine, Ill., and Dominick O'Hara of Ingleside, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Denise O'Hara.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont, with the Rev. E. Brian Carsten. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Velma Kiester

KIMMELL — Velma Kiester, 89, of Kimmell died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Among her survivors are daughters, Judy Geiger and Joyce Beezley, both of Churubusco, and Donna West of Ligonier, and a son, Jim Kiester of Kimmell.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Ruby Meade

KENDALLVILLE — Ruby Meade, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 28, 2008, Thursday

Allen Waller

QUINCY, Mich. — Allen K. Waller, 60, of Quincy died unexpectedly Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mr. Waller had lived in Branch County since 1993. He had previously lived in Indiana and Illinois.

He was a journeyman millwright for AL Smith Corp. in Kankakee, Ill., Alcan Toyo in Joliet, Ill., and then for Vantage Industries in Hamilton until 2007.

Mr. Waller

Mr. Waller graduated from Kendallville High School in Indiana in 1965 and attended ITT in Chicago for two years.

He was a charter member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and a volunteer firefighter for the Bourbonnais, Ill., Fire Department from 1977 until the time he moved to Michigan.

Mr. Waller was an avid outdoorsman who loved gardening, fishing and traveling to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He enjoyed NASCAR racing, spending time with his dog and was a devout Notre Dame fan.

He was born Sept. 3, 1947, in Kendallville to Leo and Geneva (Slick) Waller. His father died in 1987 and his mother survives in Quincy.

He married Patricia Wiggins on Aug. 1, 1981, in Bourbonnais, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and his companion, Todd Waller and Georgia Griner of Coldwater; three daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Tim Marshall of Dalton City, Ill., Tricia and Josh Posanka of Bourbonnais, Ill., and Vicki and Brian Wicker of Kankakee, Ill.; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dutcher Funeral Home, 440 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich., with Father Brian Stanley of St. Charles Borromeo Church officiating. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Quincy.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.dutcherfh.com.

Amber Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Amber Ruth Smith, 62, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Smith retired from Eaton Controls after 24 years of service. Following her retirement, she had worked at Speedway and Murphy Oil in Kendallville.

She was a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Smith was also a member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Smith

She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and studying history.

She was a 1964 graduate of Kendallville High School.

Mrs. Smith was born in Kendallville on Dec. 9, 1945, to George Earl and Hanna Ruth (Sedgwick) Morr. She married Phillip A. Smith on Dec. 19, 1970, in Wolcottville. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duane Smith of Kendallville and David and Aracely Smith of Marlton, N.J.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Michael Steele of Bradley, Ill.; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Benjamin and Joshua Steele and Alexa and Jeremy Smith; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Norma Morr, James Michael "Mike" and Susan Morr, Stephen and Christine Morr and David and Diane Morr all of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Clinton Morr; and a sister, Shirley Powers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, rural Wolcottville with Pastor Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Helen Borst

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Borst, 89, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Jerry Strayer

FORT WAYNE — Jerry L. Strayer, 72, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Feb. 26, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Strayer

Mr. Strayer was a Realtor with Bradley Realty for four years and employed with General Motors for 32 years. He also ran a large farming operation. He also held a U.S. patent.

He received a bachelor's degree in process engineering from Tri-State University.

Mr. Strayer was a member of The Chapel, Fort Wayne Area Associates of Realtors and Christian Business Men's Club.

He was born in LaGrange to Clarence and Rose Strayer. His father is deceased and his mother survives.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Richardson-Strayer of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jennelle Smagala of Indianapolis; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Todd and Carolyn Strayer of Gahanna, Ohio, and Anthony Strayer of Denver, Colo.; four stepchildren and their spouses, Kathy and Steve Blevins of Churubusco, Thomas Putt of Bothell, Wash., Janet and Ted Hoover of Fort Wayne, and Timothy and Kristine Putt of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; four brothers, Larry Strayer, Richard Strayer and Ronald Strayer, all of LaGrange, and Donald Strayer of Tampa, Fla.; and three sisters, Shirley Leazenby of Mexico, Ind., Nancy Blackmore of Pueblo, Colo., and Judy Laflin of Howe.

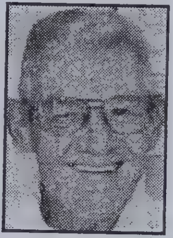
Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Rick Hawks officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to TLT — The Christian Network.

Jack Schlotterback

PLYMOUTH — Jack Loren Schlotterback, 77, of Plymouth died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Schlotterback

Mr. Schlotterback was employed as a serviceman by NIPSCO for 38 years, serving in Fort Wayne, Syracuse, Goshen, Elkhart, and other cities before retiring in 1987.

He was a Boy Scout and graduated from Central High School in 1948.

Mr. Schlotterback joined the Navy Reserves in 1949.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, boating, campfires, playing cards, raising fruit trees and dancing. He also enjoyed being with friends, spending summers in Wisconsin and Canada and winters in Florida and attending large family gatherings.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 11, 1930, to Irvin Schlotterback and Lillian Helmke. He married in 1949.

Surviving are a sister, Rose Pemberton; a niece; two nephews; nine children, Kristy Ohneck, Toni Smith-Wysong, Jerri Kaluza, Ben Schlotterback, Shelly Morr, Kevin Maloney, Jeff and Greg Slough, and Mandy Miller; 28 grandchildren; more than 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at J.A. Brazzell-Ulrey Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with graveside service to follow at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Visiting Nursing & Hospice Home or the American Cancer Society.

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Nancy Kohlhoff

VALPARAISO — Nancy L. Kohlhoff, 73, of Valparaiso died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at VNA Hospice with her family at her side.

Mrs. Kohlhoff graduated from Valparaiso University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She then taught at Wheeler, Boone Grove and Immanuel Lutheran elementary schools. She earned a Master of Arts degree in liberal studies from Valparaiso in 1973. She then created the office of registrar for the Valparaiso University Law School where she was a founding member and served as president of the National Network of Law School Officers.

She retired in 1989 but remained active at the university and in the community, serving on numerous boards and participating in many groups.

She was born in Kendallville on Aug. 24, 1934, to Paul and Evelyn (Smith) Heign.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimerly and Thomas Siwinski and Melanie and Edward Croke; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Alissa Kohlhoff; a sister, Beverly Stonebraker; a brother, William Heign; and two grandchildren, Heather Stephenson and Jacob Kohlhoff.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean W. Kohlhoff.

Private family services will be Friday.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Dykes Funeral Home, 2305 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso.

Memorials are to VNA Hospice, 501 Marquette St., Valparaiso, IN or to the Dean W. Kohlhoff History Scholarship Fund at Valparaiso University, Loke Hall, 1100 Campus Drive South, Valparaiso, IN.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
February 28, 2008, Thursday

Dale Danner

LEESBURG — Dale A. Danner, 69, of Leesburg died at 5:05 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

He retired in 1989 as a lab tech at Syracuse Rubber Co. after more than 30 years of service.

Mr. Danner was a lifetime Kosciusko County area resident and attended North Webster High School.

He was formerly a member of the Tri County Bass Masters Fisherman's Club.

He was born June 9, 1938, in Etna Green to Seward D. and Emma E. (Pittman) Danner. He married Carman S. Brower on Sept. 7, 1957, in Pierceton. She survives in Leesburg.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Scott Brandel of Leesburg and Kimberly and Bernie Wilson of Warsaw; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Robin Danner of Cromwell; six grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; 14 step-great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher of New Beginnings Community Church of Atwood officiating. Burial will be at North Webster Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

To send condolences online, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Betty Trowl

ALBION — Betty J. Trowl, 79, of Albion died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at 4:15 p.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier where she had been a resident since 2004.

Mrs. Trowl was a greeter at Wal-Mart in Kendallville.

She enjoyed going to yard sales, playing bingo, watching TV, traveling and eating out.

Mrs. Trowl was born June 20, 1928, in Noble County to John and Chole (Champman) Murphy. On Dec. 27, 1947, she married Walter D. Trowl in Albion. He died March 15, 2004.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Hughs of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were Monday at Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial was at Salem Cemetery in rural Ligonier.

Memorials are to Shiloh Baptist Church.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

To send online condolences or to sign an online book, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

J. Jesus Gonzalez

LIGONIER — J. Jesus Flores Gonzalez, 50, of Ligonier died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Gonzalez had resided in the area for four years, coming from Mexico.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

He was born June 10, 1957, in Lagunita De Los Flores, Aguascalientes, Mexico, to Ysidro Flores Garcia and M. Concepcion (Leos) Gonzalez. They both preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Francisca Madina (Madina) Gonzalez; two sons, J. Jesus Flores Malina and Aron Flores, both of Ligonier; two daughters, Christina Flores and Maria Flores, both of Ligonier; and four brothers, J. Dolores Flores, Mjisabel Flores, Miguel Flores and Juana Flores.

Services were Wednesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier. Burial will be at Panteon Jardines Eternos in Mexico.

Calling was held be at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier following the funeral service.

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Pauline Beall

LOGANSPORT — Pauline R. Beall, 91, of Logansport died at 6:55 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport.

Mrs. Beall retired from General Telephone Co.

She was a member of Shiloh Christian Church.

Mrs. Beall spent her teen years in the Crawfordsville area and was a graduate of Crawfordsville High School. She lived for 18 years in Cass County.

She was born April 5, 1916, in Cass County to Paul and Lustia (Hughes) Mullen. She married Lewis A. Grimes on April 9, 1938, in Crawfordsville. He died in July 1952. She then married Harold G. Beall on Aug. 14, 1955, in Crawfordsville. He survives in Logansport.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Jim Musselman of Logansport; three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Irene Grimes of Fulton, Stan and Deb Grimes of Logansport and Dan and Lucinda Beall of Rome City; a stepson and his wife, Robert and Angela Beall of Twelve Mile; a daughter-in-law and her husband, Ruby and Robert Molden of Logansport; 21 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, two sons and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway, Logansport, with the Rev. Dirk Raderstorf and the Rev. Tim McKaig officiating. Burial will be in Kistler Cemetery at Royal Center.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shiloh Christian Church.

Ronald Taylor

LIGONIER — Ronald Lee Taylor, 69, of Ligonier died at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Taylor retired from Kreager Bros. Excavating Inc. after more than 30 years of service. Mr. Taylor owned his own race car and raced at the New Paris speedway and was a NASCAR fan.

Along with racing, he enjoyed bird watching.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he served in the Air Force for 11 years during the Vietnam War.

He was born to Lee and Cleo (Fausnaugh) Taylor.

Surviving are six brothers and four sisters-in-law, James Taylor, Larry Taylor, Joseph and Vicki Taylor and Richard and Yvonne Taylor, all of Ligonier, Robert and Deb Taylor of Wolf Lake and Harry and Linda Taylor of Albion; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sharon Young of Kimmell and Beverly and Bud Todd of Albion; and many nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Taylor, who died Feb. 20, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at J.A Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services by members of Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Ruby Meade

KENDALLVILLE — Ruby Meade, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Meade was a member of The Church of the True God in South Milford.

She was born in Marrowbone, Ky., on Dec. 4, 1924, to William and Maggie (Bowen) Spriggs. She married Astor Meade on Nov. 29, 1940, in Weeksbury, Ky. He preceded her death Aug. 26, 1983.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lourena and Eugene Shepherd of Kendallville, JoAnn Meade of LaGrange and Mary and Hugh Tuttle of LaGrange; 21 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Bobby Spriggs of Kendallville; a special niece, Bonnie Lewis, and many other nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, William, Dick and David Meade; an infant son and daughter; grandchildren, Anthony Prater and Scott Twaits; great-grandson, Patrick Christian; three brothers, Arthur, Blake and Bill Spriggs; and four sisters, Ruth Tackett, Wilma Mae Spriggs, Silvia Davis and Ann Horn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at The Church of The True God on S.R. 3 north of South Milford with the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Eric Meade, Oscar Handshoe, Larry Nagel, Chris Mosley, Jeff Creech, Rick Tackett and Kenny Spriggs. Honorary pallbearer is Gordon Salisbury.

Calling will be from 2-10 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

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James Mault

WAWAKA — James "Jim" W. Mault, 67, of Wawaka died unexpectedly Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Mault was a self-employed farmer and carpet installer working with L&M Flooring in Wawaka.

He was a 1958 graduate of Wawaka High School and a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean conflict.

He loved baseball and coached for 13 years. He was a history buff and also loved spending time with his family, especially his grandsons. He was a fisherman, hunter and bird watcher. He loved guns and shooting. He also enjoyed reading, was very devoted to his country and very patriotic. Mr. Mault also loved working with his dogs, gardening and flowers.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he was a member of St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City. He also belonged to the National Rifle Association, Pheasants Forever, Ligonier Rotary Club and Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

He was born May 15, 1940, at the family farm in Wawaka to Walter and Freda (Teders) Mault. He married Darlene Demske on June 7, 1969, at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son, Jeff Mault of Wawaka and his fiancee, Abbey Lortie of Kimmell; and daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Joe McGrath of Fort Wayne; his mother-in-law, Loretta Demske of Wolcottville; two grandsons, Jacob and Josh McGrath; two brothers, Max Mault of Goshen and John Mault of Wolcottville; two sisters, Margaret DeLucenay of Middlebury and Eilene Messner of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bob Mault; and two half brothers, Wayne and Dick Mault.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be at St. Gaspar's Catholic Cemetery with military graveside services by members of Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion.

Memorials are to Masses to the church or to the Wawaka High School Alumni.

Robert Houser

MIDDLEBURY — Robert Houser, 67, of Middlebury died at 7:03 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Houser

Mr. Houser had worked several years for Accuride Manufacturing in California and later was the owner/operator of his own woodworking shop.

He had lived in the Middlebury area for the past five years.

He enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

Mr. Houser was born April 18, 1940, in North Platte, Neb., to Gerald and Fern (Effenbeck) Houser.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Debbie Houser of Middlebury; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Jennifer and Eric Preveratil of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Cari and Dave Bridges of California; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Gerry and Bob Dawley of Simi Valley, Calif., and Lois and Royce Baldwin of Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by parents and a brother, Darrel Houser.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlbury with the Rev. Chris Garner officiating.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Velma Kiester

KIMMELL — Velma Kiester, 89, of Kimmell died at 1:43 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Kiester

Mrs. Keister and her husband, Max, had owned and operated a grocery at Etna and moved to their farm home in Washington Township 60 years ago.

She had been employed as a school cook and retired in 1984 from the cafeteria at West Noble High School in Ligonier after more than 25 years of service.

Mrs. Keister was a member of the Ormas Baptist Church and its Missionary Society. She enjoyed gardening, reading, and spending time with her friends and family.

She was born in Green Township in Noble County on Oct. 14, 1918, to Fred and Clara (Diffendarfer) Owen. She married Max J. Kiester on April 15, 1939, in Noble County. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Paul Geiger and Joyce and Tom Beezley, all of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim D. and Marsha Kiester of Kimmell; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Donna West in 2001; a sister, Edith Bonar; and four brothers, Clarence Owen, Woodward Owen, Dale F. Owen and Leo Owen.

Services will be at 10 a. m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rodney Schuler, pastor of Ormas Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Stringtown Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N. C.R. 300W, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Randy Rude

FORT WAYNE — Randy C. Rude, 64, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rude

Mr. Rude worked as a supervisor of manufacturing at Auburn Gear for 40 years, retiring in 2005. He was a graduate of Waterloo High School, a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge 1978 of Auburn and the Sons of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He was born Sept. 21, 1943, in Marquette, Mich., to Chalbert R. Rude and June M. (Downing) Rude-Sebert. They preceded him in death. He married Barbara L. Hess May 14, 1966, at Maple Grove United Methodist Church. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffrey A. and Jacki Rude of Fort Wayne and Michael S. Rude of Delta, Ohio; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jacob Rude, Zachary Rude and Malori Rude, Rachael and Ben Keller, Kristin and Jon Sorg, Joshua and Liz Rude and Jeanette Rude; two great-grandchildren, Hannah Keller and Carson Rude; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandy and Don Yarlot of Auburn; a niece and her husband, Tisha (Yarlot) and Stuart Kruse; and a nephew and his wife, David and Christi Yarlot.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Kenneth G. Sebert, and a brother, Ricky L. Sebert.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stuart Kruse officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home. An Elks service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne and the American Cancer Society.

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John Hass

AUBURN — John E. Haas, 68, of Auburn and formerly of Garrett died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at 9:39 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Haas was a delivery man at Erie Haven Concrete in Fort Wayne for 27 years, retiring in 2005.

Mr. Hass

Mr. Haas was born Nov. 11, 1939, in Warsaw to Carl F. and Clara (Mattix) Haas. His father survives. He married Virginia McClish Sept. 7, 1974, in Auburn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are his stepmother, Betty Haas of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, John D. and Debra Haas of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter, Cynthia L. Imbody of Columbia City; a grandson, Steven Imbody of Columbia City; a brother, Earl Haas of Columbia City; two sisters, Sharon Nokes and Carol Minnick, both of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, David McClish of Garrett and Rick McClish of Auburn; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Robin McClish of Garrett and Valerie and Mark Grubb of Kendallville; 10 stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his mother and two brothers, Charles and David Haas.

Calling will be from Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Services will be at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be sent and an online register book may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Marvel M. McCann

FORT WAYNE — Marvel M. McCann, 86, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at Canterbury Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McCann was a homemaker, and she attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Jan. 31, 1921, in York to Jacob A. and Laura B. (Bunce) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married Raymond D. McCann Dec. 25, 1940, in Butler. He preceded her in death Aug. 5, 1981.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry D. and Nora McCann of Butler and Jeffrey E. and Marsha McCann of Hamilton Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda S. and James Singer of Huntertown; seven grandchildren, Jamie McCann, Amy Prosser, Brett Singer, Renee Russell, Minde Raney, Carrie Orr and Kristie Laub; and three great-grandchildren, Xavier Orr, Lynzi Laub and Brady Laub.

Mrs. McCann was preceded in death by two brothers, Willis L. Smith and Kenneth Smith, and a sister, Gladys M. Courtney.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bruce Prosser officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society.

Kenneth Kipp

ANGOLA — Kenneth W. Kipp, 83, of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Kipp was a tool and die maker and the owner of Precision Mold and Engineering in Ligonier from 1962-84. He also worked for EMF Corp. in Angola. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Elizabethton, Tenn.

He was born Aug. 15, 1924, in Detroit, Mich., to Charles and Hazel (Steele) Kipp. Both preceded him in death. He was married to Odean (Hogue) Kipp. She survives.

He is also survived by four sons and two-daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Jackie Kipp of Elkin, N.C., William C. Kipp of Goshen, Robert Kipp and Ronald and Nancy Kipp, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and David Widner and Joyce and Jack Adcock, all of Goshen; a stepson, Danny Green of Danville, Ky.; 18 grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and 23 great-grandchildren.

There are no services or calling.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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John Hubler

ANGOLA — John J. "Jack" Hubler, 82, of Angola and Palmetto, Fla., died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hubler was a lineman and a supervisor for NIPSCO, retiring in 1981. He also farmed his own farm. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the Angola Moose Lodge, Orland American Legion Post No. 423, NIPSCO Retirees Club and the 101 Club. He graduated from Millersburg High School.

He was born March 16, 1925, in Poe to Hervy and Evelyn (Wilson) Hubler. Both preceded him in death. He married Maxine Rice on March 8, 1948. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Maureen Hubler of Nashville, Tenn., and Howard and Jean Hubler of Snohomish, Wash.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Helene and Jerry Walcutt of Angola and Dr. Jaquelyn and Rick Patterson of Mooresville; eight grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and a nephew and his spouse, Phillip and Jo Staley of Huntsville, Ala.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Rose Billue.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. John Willoughby officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes.

THE NEWS SUN
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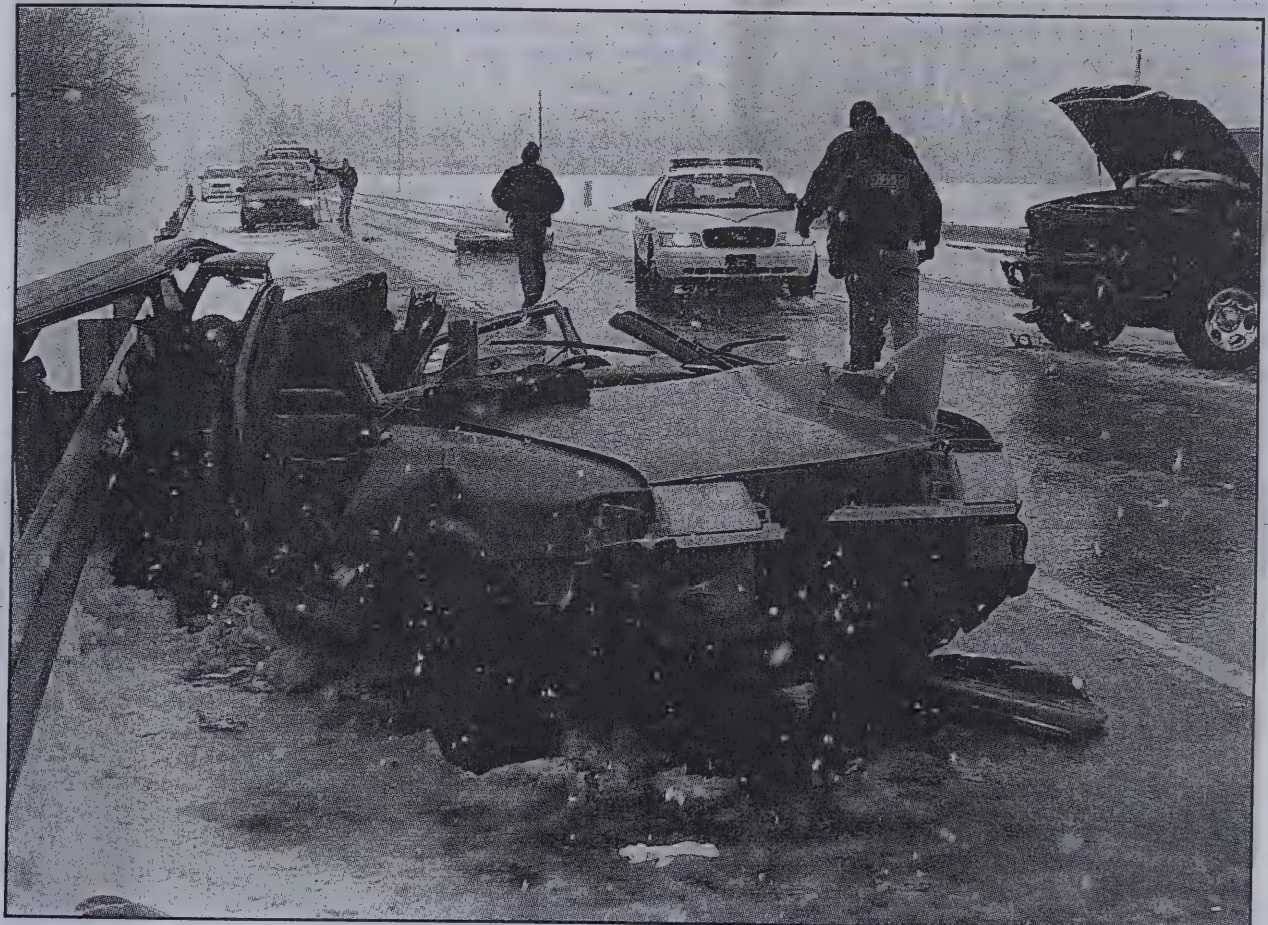
March 1, 2008, Saturday

Father, son die in snowy crash

Wife, sister seriously hurt



BOB BRALEY

Police investigate at the scene of a crash that killed two people and hospitalized four others Friday morning on S.R. 9 just south of the entrance to Chain O' Lakes State Park.

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BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A father and son were killed and two other members of their family critically injured in a crash on S.R. 9 Friday morning.

Both Pablo Hernandez, 28, of Ligonier, and his son Emelio Hernandez, 5, died of blunt force trauma, according to a report by Indiana State Police. Emelio was a passenger riding behind his father in a low-back booster seat, the report said.

Two other passengers, Gracie Hernandez, 24, and Veronica Herrera, 15, both of Ligonier, were listed in "extremely critical condition" after the accident at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, state police said. Parkview upgraded Gracie Hernandez to serious condition late Friday.

Gracie Hernandez was a front seat passenger and the wife of Pablo Hernandez. Herrera, her sister, also was a passenger. Both sustained "major trauma to their entire bodies," the report said. They were transported to a hospital by Noble County EMS because snow prevented the Parkview Samaritan helicopter from flying.

Hernandez' 1992 Ford Tempo went left of center on a snowy bridge just south of C.R. 75S, the entrance to Chain O' Lakes State Park, and struck an oncoming black 2002 Lincoln Navigator sport-utility vehicle head-on at 10:15 a.m., state police said.

The driver of the SUV, Robert Kirkpatrick of Albion, and an unidentified passenger in his vehicle were taken to the hospital to be examined, but were believed to be unhurt, state police said.

Debris was scattered all over the road after the crash. A pinstripe cap with a Major League Baseball logo on it lay in snow between the wreckage of the car and its windshield.

All occupants in both vehicles were wearing seat belts, according to state police, but due to the nature of the crash, they were not able to prevent the fatalities.

The crash is being investigated by Senior Trooper Roland Purdy and Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff of the Noble County Coroner's Office. Assisting at the scene were officers from the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Albion Fire Department and the Noble County EMS. The investigation is continuing.

Loma Siples

KENDALLVILLE — Loma Siples, 76, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending with Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 1, 2008, Saturday

Helen Borst

KENDALLVILLE — Helen B. Borst, 89, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Borst

Mrs. Borst was employed with Sellick's Dress Shop in downtown Kendallville for many years. Her hobbies were gardening, bird and deer watching, traveling and playing the organ.

She was born in Kendallville on May 16, 1918, to Otis and Wynona (Baughman) Hinkley, both of whom are deceased.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1936 and married Robert L. Borst on May 9, 1937, in Crown Point. He survives in Kendallville. The couple enjoyed their retirement years living in Kendallville in the summer and Lady Lake, Fla., during the winter.

In addition to her husband, survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane L. and Thomas C. Jones of Cutbank, Mont., and Carol L. and Roger E. Forker of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert L. and Judith L. Borst of Casper, Wyo.; seven grandchildren, Kathleen Smith, Douglas Jones, Gena Jones, Tara Odom, Gregory Borst, Brian Borst and Jeffrey Forker; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and Jack Mortimore of Kendallville and Barbara Ann and Bill Smith of Columbia City.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two grandsons and her sister, Mary Ellen Patterson.

Private family services will be today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the Shriner Children's Hospital and may be sent to Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Online condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Timothy Wagner

ALBION — Timothy "Tim" Allen Wagner, 44, of Albion died unexpectedly Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at home.

Mr. Wagner

He was a welder for Kneppers in Albion for one year. Prior to that, he worked at World Class Wire and Cable in Columbia City for several years. He was a lifetime area resident and a member of American Legion Post 246 and the Albion Snowmobile Club.

On Aug. 4, 2004, he married Mary Schultis in Avilla. She survives in Albion.

He was born Oct. 8, 1963, in Columbia City to Frank Wagner and Nancy (Mettler) Smith. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Columbia City. He was a 1982 graduate of Central Noble High School.

He enjoyed fishing, golf, snowmobiling, bowling, football and cooking. He was a big fan of the Chicago Bears and NASCAR and liked to attend sporting events with his children.

Also surviving are two sons, Kyle Allen Wagner and Jacob Henry Wagner, both at home; two daughters, Samantha Allred and Emily Allred, both at home; a stepfather, William Smith of Columbia City; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Doug Smith of Columbia City and Dave and Kate Lotter of Churubusco; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Delaina Cole of Columbia City, Tonya and Jack Martin of Syracuse, Vicki and Mike Tallent of Maryville, Tenn., Tammy and Steve Parkison of Crown Point, Debbie and Jeff Zickafoose of Columbia City and Deidra Wadman of New Castle; mother- and father-in-law, James and Dianna Schultis of rural Albion; two brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law, Daniel Schultis of Albion and Michael and Jackie Schultis of Garrett; two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Patricia and John Parrish of Avilla and Catherine Roundtree of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

Memorials are to Mr. Wagner's children in care of Community State Bank.

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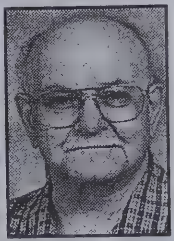
George Swinehart

CHURUBUSCO — George "Bob" Robert Swinehart, 81, of rural Churubusco died at 2:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne after an extended illness.


Mr. Swinehart

Engaged in farming for many years in Green Township, Mr. Swinehart retired in 1990 as an operating engineer at Falstaff Brewing Co. in Fort Wayne, and was a member of Operating Engineers Local 19 in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne and the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846.

As a young man, he served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the 35th Infantry as a light truck driver and sharpshooter.

He was married in Fort Wayne on Jan. 9, 1949, to Eleanor J. Nicolet, who survives in Churubusco. The couple spent their married lives on the family farm in Green Township, north of Churubusco.

He was born in Noble County on Aug. 7, 1926, to Walter C. and Wilma Elizabeth (Slagle) Swinehart, both of whom are deceased.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Billy Gene and Cherii Swinehart of Churubusco, and Robert Charles Swinehart of Peoria, Ill.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryll Lynn and Bob Fiorendino of Lantana, Texas, and Susan Marie and Kevin Howlett of Asheboro, N.C.; a sister, Joan Parks of Kendallville; and six grandchildren, Adam Swinehart, Malinda Neith, Jaimee Granberry, Andrew Howlett, Allison Neith and Austin Howlett.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Billy Jean Swinehart, in World War II; five sisters, Thelma Kruse, Violet Milford, Betty Swinehart, Norma Spriggs and Carol Boyles; and a grandson, Nickolas Swinehart.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be in the Leo Cemetery in Leo.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, or one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Phyllis Owen

AVILLA — Phyllis Jean Owen, 87, of Avilla died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Owen was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and a homemaker who enjoyed the outdoors, working in her yard and cooking.

She was born near Wolf Lake, Noble County, on Aug. 19, 1920, to John Leo and Alta May Rosenogle, who are both deceased. She married Roscoe Owen on Feb. 15, 1944, in Fort Wayne and he preceded her in death June 30, 1985.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Max Parker of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Deborah Owen of Kendallville; three grandchildren and their spouses, Lori and Mark Bower of Kendallville, Jon and Jill Owen of Kendallville, and Kathryn and Andrew Byrom of Avilla; four great-grandchildren, Matthew and Grace Bower and Owen and Jack Byrom; and a brother, Billy O. Rosenogle of Michigan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Rosenogle, and a sister, Donna Shriner.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted with revised information from the funeral home.*

Randy Rude

FORT WAYNE — Randy C. Rude, 64, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rude worked as a supervisor of manufacturing at Auburn Gear for 40 years, retiring in 2005. He was a graduate of Waterloo High School, a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge 1978 of Auburn and the Sons of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Mr. Rude

He was born Sept. 21, 1943, in Marquette, Mich., to Chalbert R. Rude and June M. (Downing) Rude-Sebert. They preceded him in death. He married Barbara L. Hess May 14, 1966, at Maple Grove United Methodist Church. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffrey A. and Jacki Rude of Fort Wayne and Michael S. Rude of Delta, Ohio; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jacob Rude, Zachary Rude and Malori Rude, Rachael and Ben Keller, Kristin and Jon Sorg, Joshua and Liz Rude and Jeanette Rude; two great-grandchildren, Hannah Keller and Carson Rude; a sister and brother-in-law, Sande and Don Yarlot of Auburn; a niece and her husband, Tisha (Yarlot) and Stuart Kruse; a nephew and his wife, David and Christi Yarlot.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Kenneth G. Sebert, and a brother, Ricky L. Sebert.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stuart Kruse officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home. An Elks service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne and the American Cancer Society.

Donald Tuttle

WATERLOO — Donald L. Tuttle, 56, of Waterloo died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at Marion General Hospital in Marion.

He was born Oct. 6, 1951, in Garrett to Theron Tuttle and Eleanor (Cobbs) Tuttle-Fee. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Waterloo.

Mr. Tuttle

Other survivors include a son and his girlfriend, Erik O. Watson and Shawn Bowman of Corunna, and her daughter, Lashawna Bowman; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Christine and Howard Middaugh of Auburn and Rene Maxwell of Waterloo; and a nephew and his wife, Derrik T. and Carissa Maxwell of Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Tom Neddersen officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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March 1, 2008, Saturday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information from the funeral home and to correct an error.*

John Hubler

ANGOLA — John J. "Jack" Hubler, 82, of Angola and Palmetto, Fla., died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hubler was a lineman and a supervisor for NIPSCO, retiring in 1981. He also farmed his own farm. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the Angola Moose Lodge, Orland American Legion Post No. 423, NIPSCO Retirees Club and the 101 Club. He graduated from Millersburg High School.

He was born March 16, 1925, in Poe to John and Evelyn (Wilson) Beck. After the death of his father, he was legally adopted by Hervey Hubler. He married Maxine Rice on March 8, 1948. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Maureen Hubler of Nashville, Tenn., and Howard and Jean Hubler of Snohomish, Wash.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Helene and Jerry Walcutt of Angola and Dr. Jacquelyn and Rick Patterson of Mooresville; eight grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and a nephew and his spouse, Phillip and Jo Staley of Huntsville, Ala.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Rose Billue.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. John Willoughby officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Ronald Taylor

LIGONIER — Ronald Lee Taylor, 69, of Ligonier died at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Taylor retired from Kreager Bros. Excavating Inc. after more than 30 years of service. Mr. Taylor owned his own race car and raced at the New Paris speedway and was a NASCAR fan.

Along with racing, he enjoyed bird watching.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he served in the Air Force for 11 years during the Vietnam War. He belonged to VFW Post 4717 in Wolf Lake, where he was very active, and Albion American Legion Post 246.

He was born to Lee and Cleo (Fausnaugh) Taylor.

Surviving are six brothers and four sisters-in-law, James Taylor, Larry Taylor, Joseph and Vicki Taylor and Richard and Yvonne Taylor, all of Ligonier, Robert and Deb Taylor of Wolf Lake and Harry and Linda Taylor of Albion; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sharon Young of Kimmell and Beverly and Bud Todd of Albion; and many nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Taylor, who died Feb. 20, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at J.A Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services by members of Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 2, 2008, Sunday

Ina German remembered for spirit

BY JIM SHILANDER
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FLINT — Her daughters remember Ina German for many things, but it was her spirit of adventure, even into her old age, that endeared her to many.

"She did unbelievable things, and if she hadn't done it, she'd love to try it," Betty Jo Rodgers said of her mother.

Mary Ann Morgan added, "Even when she was older, she would hit balls in the batting cage or go out and hit balls on the driving range without ever having played golf before."

Mrs. German, who served as the Sunday school superintendent for Flint United Methodist Church and taught children for more than 40 years there, died Feb. 14 at her daughter, Carole Sue Shank's, home. She was 93.

Beyond instructions at the church, Mrs. German played teacher to neighbors and her children, and their children, for far longer.

Shank and Rodgers remembered how she would teach not only all of her children, but the neighbor's children, to square dance, and was teaching children how to pull taffy and do the jitterbug very late in life.

"She'd clear out all of the furniture and have a dance," Shank said. "She had a dance one time for a neighbor's German exchange student."

Morgan said she taught many of her nieces and nephews to bake doughnuts last year, and her grandchildren, whom she taught to cook, had used her recipes for a family gathering in honor of Mrs. German.

Her daughters also remembered some of the little things she would do to brighten people's lives.

Rodgers said she always would pick fresh strawberries for children in the area. Mrs. German made it a point, Shank said, to send get-well or "thinking-of-you" cards to those in nursing homes or shut-ins. Whenever she would bake pies or cookies, she always made some for neighbors as well.

"It was just her way," Morgan said.

Deborah Murphy of Shipshewana remembered every time she, or one of her siblings, arrived at summer camp, there would be a letter waiting for them from their mother.

She'd also look in on neighbors as a social correspondent for the Steuben Republican and later the Herald-Republican.

It wasn't all little things like that, though, Morgan and Shank noted. "She took care of her mother-in-law when she was bed-ridden," Morgan noted. Shank said that Mrs. German took in the baby of a transient woman who had come through town and became ill.

Mrs. German came from a legacy of strong women. Her mother, Anabel Callender, took care of Ina while operating her husband's hardware store on Angola's Public Square after Ina's father died when she was only 3 years old. Callender died when Ina was 30.

"She faced a lot of years when most of us would have mothers," Rodgers noted, "and she came through."

Mrs. German's marriage to her husband, Murl, lasted 68 years. He died in 2000.

"Through thick and thin they loved each other," Rodgers said.

Morgan said the same: "She just seemed to love her husband and family no matter what."

Shank said her mother never explicitly told her daughters how to act, but knew that she was serving as a role model.

"She never really fussed about it, but she made sure that we all knew it as a lesson," she said.

Through multiple generations of her own family, as well as helping to teach those of others, Mrs. German saw others as equals. "She pretty well accepted all the kids the way they were," Shank said.

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Ina German, right, taught Sunday School at Flint United Methodist Church for many years. Playing piano is Dorthea Fisher, German's friend and neighbor. The two worked together for 55 years.

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March 2, 2008, Sunday

Steven Collet

BEEBE, Ark. — Steven Lee Collet, 48, of Beebe, Ark., died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008.

He was a graduate of West Noble High School and later received his Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics.

Mr. Collet

He retired as a chief master sergeant from the United States Air Force and also was a veteran of the Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm and Panama conflict.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1959, to Raymond and Joyce Collet of Ligonier. They survive.

He married Sandra Kwiatkowski on Aug. 31, 1985. She survives along with their two children, Sean and Samantha, all from Beebe, Ark.

Also surviving are three brothers, Stan of Ligonier, Stewart of Huntington and Bruce of Alexandria, Va.

Services were held Feb. 26, in Beebe, with military honors. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials may be made to UAMS Carti, 4130 Shuffield Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72205.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse is in charge of arrangements.

Loma Siples

KENDALLVILLE — Loma Siples, 76, of Kendallville died at 7:36 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she resided for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Siples

Mrs. Siples has lived in Noble County most of her adult life, coming from Ohio.

She was a homemaker.

She was born March 16, 1931, in Middlefield, Ohio, to John and Sarah (Gingerich) Farmwald.

She married Dale Eugene Siples on March 16, 1963, in Avilla. He preceded her in death on May 16, 2002.

Surviving are three stepdaughters and their husbands, Terry and Scott Showen of Kendallville, Judy and Larry Ober of Albion, and Billie and Harry Swick of Wolcottville; one stepson, David Siples of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty Spencer of Hopedale, Ohio, Sally and Ervin Miller of Farmington, Ohio, Marion Farmwald of Middlefield, Ohio, and Cass and Ervin Byler of Sarasota, Fla.; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Mary Farmwald of Middlefield, Ohio, John and Rita Farmwald of Sarasota, Fla., and James "Butch" and Eddie Farmwald of Huntsburg.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Chad Showen, Paul Wickey, Donald Siples, Daniel Siples, Ryan Swick and Logan Swick.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Preferred memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Leona Tucker

CORUNNA — Leona Eileen (Murphy) Theurer Marsack Limb Tucker, 87, of Ontario, Calif., and formerly of Corunna, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, in Ontario.

Arrangements are pending at Young Funeral Home, Kendallvill Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Emilio Hernandez

LIGONIER — Emilio Hernandez, 5, of Ligonier died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, as a result of an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Pablo Hernandez

LIGONIER — Pablo Hernandez, 28, of Ligonier died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, as a result of an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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Ruby Bailey

HUNTERTOWN — Ruby B. Bailey, 88, of rural Huntertown died at 5:32 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2008, at her residence. She had been in declining health since November.

Mrs. Bailey

She spent her formative years on the family farm in Eel River Township, and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1937.

Mrs. Bailey had lived in her present home in Perry Township since 1955.

She had been employed as a custodian with the Northwest Allen County Schools for 26 years, retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Bailey was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed mowing grass, gardening, her flowers, and visiting with friends. She especially loved and enjoyed being with her family.

She was born in Eel River Township on Jan. 30, 1920, to James Franklin and Goldie (Hewen) Arnold. She married Eldon W. Bailey on Feb. 29, 1940, in Huntertown. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Arnold and Corine Bailey of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gay and David Inkrote of Dallas, Texas, and Kathy and Raney Bouthot of Fort Wayne; a brother, George Arnold of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Fern Arnold and Fanny Burns; and a brother, Sidney Arnold.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Greg Hiatt and Sherri Long of Huntertown United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711 or Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

Send condolences to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Helen Proctor

AUBURN — Helen D. Proctor, 94, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She owned and operated the Bird Cage Beauty Shop in Butler for many years. She was a member of Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 29, 1914, in Butler to David and Bessie (McKenzie) Bonecutter.

Surviving are a son, Harold Blaker of Florida, and two nieces, Kay Beard of Fort Wayne and Jean Baber of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Glen, Harold and Virgil Bonecutter.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Shelter.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

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Killer gets 100 years

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Waterloo man was sentenced to 100 years in prison this morning in Noble Superior Court I for the murder of a Kendallville man.

Charles William Chorpenning, 28, formerly of Auburn and Kendallville, pleaded guilty Dec. 4, 2007, to murder, a felony; seven other felony charges; and being a habitual felon, a sentence enhancer.

Chorpenning admitted Dec. 4 that he had murdered Patrick Biddle in Biddle's residence in the 600 block of Berry Lane, Kendallville, on March 5, 2007.

Chorpenning also pleaded guilty Dec. 4 to burglary, a Class B felony, and five Class D felonies — theft and auto theft in the Biddle case, an unrelated charge of intimidation, and separate charges of auto theft and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle from a third case.

Murder is the only felony charge under Indiana law that does not have a Class A, B, C or D designation.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse dropped a request to seek life without parole for Chorpenning as part of the plea agreement.

A detailed story on the sentencing will be available at this newspaper's Web site, thenewssunonline.com.

Chorpenning also admitted breaking into Biddle's residence to commit a crime and stealing from Biddle's residence as well as Biddle's car.

The defendant also admitted intimidating a Kendallville man on March 9. Court records indicate Chorpenning told the man to open the

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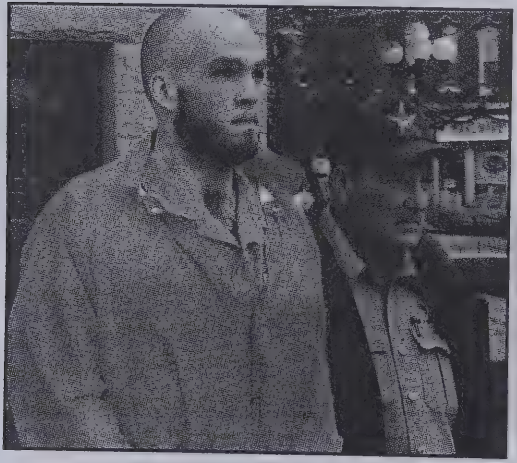
Chorpenning's record includes two felony convictions



FILE PHOTO

Charles W. Chorpenning is escorted to the Noble County Jail after pleading guilty to murder and eight other charges Dec. 4, 2007.

door of his residence in five seconds or he would kill him, then started kicking the man's mo-ped.

Chorpenning also admitted stealing another vehicle on March 12 and fleeing from police in the stolen vehicle. That chase ended in a crash that left Chorpenning hospitalized.

The habitual felon charge stems from Chorpenning's May 4, 2001, conviction in DeKalb County for receiving stolen property and Aug. 25, 2005, conviction in LaGrange County for theft.

The plea agreement called for the murder case's sentence to be consecutive to the other two cases. Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch had the option of making Chorpenning's sentence on those two cases back to back or at the same time.

Charges within each case will be served at the same time.

Chorpenning has the right to seek a sentence modification when he turns 60 years old as part of the plea agreement.

As part of the plea agreement, related charges of confinement, a Class D felony; trespass, a Class A misdemeanor; and criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor, would be released against Chorpenning.

Chorpenning's co-defendant, Lionel D. Cox Jr., 22, of Waterloo, was sentenced Feb. 15 to 45 years in prison for murder, a felony; burglary, a Class B felony; and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, a Class D felony.

During Cox's hearing, both his defense attorney, Kevin Likes of Auburn, and Clouse said that they believed Chorpenning was more culpable than Cox in Biddle's death.

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Dennis asks for $10,000 to fund investigation

Probe sought

Sheriff asks for independent investigation after death of Avilla man

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AUBURN — An independent review board appointed by the DeKalb County Commissioners will investigate police response surrounding the death of Duane Squire, 66, of rural Avilla.

Squire was reported missing from his rural Avilla home Feb. 17 and found dead in rural DeKalb County the next day.

DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis made a special request to county commissioners Monday. Dennis said he thinks it is in the best interest of the Squire family, his officers and two people who made 911 calls to have an independent and impartial review of the circumstances surrounding Squire's death.

According to police reports, officers found Squire's body 22 hours after he crashed his car in a field east of Garrett.

Squire and his grandson had been traveling to Auburn to pay a bill. When they never arrived for their appointment and did not return home, a family member reported their disappearance to the Noble County Sheriff's Department on the night of Feb. 17.

Squire was driving a blue 1989 Oldsmobile with his grandson as a passenger when he drove off C.R. 48 and became stuck in a field east of Garrett around 3 p.m. Feb. 17. Two bypassers reported the incident in 911 calls to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. One said she could see Squire standing outside the disabled car.

Two sheriff's deputies and a Garrett Police officer responded just minutes after the crash, but left without checking the car. Instead, they abandoned their search in the belief that someone had driven into the field intentionally to gather firewood.

Squire was found dead outside his blue 1989 Oldsmobile around 1 p.m. the next day. His autistic grandson, 14, survived a night inside the car in single-digit temperatures.

Squire had a history of epileptic seizures, according to a police missing-persons report. However, an autopsy did not determine if a seizure was a factor in the incident, nor did it pinpoint a cause of death.

"The integrity and honesty of the sheriff's department are without question the most important things to me, my deputies and the citizens of DeKalb County," Dennis said Monday at his meeting with commissioners.

Although Dennis told the commissioners he could recommend names for the special investigative panel, the commissioners' attorney, Jim McCanna, said the investigative board should be appointed by the commissioners alone.

"That would lend an additional layer of impartiality," McCanna said. "The study should be totally independent."

Commissioners will select the panel at their meeting next Monday.

Dennis also requested an appropriation of $10,000, although he said the cost of establishing the investigative panel is not known.

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Carl Strock

ANGOLA — Carl Ashton Strock, 89, of Twining Village in Holland, Pa., and Port St. Lucie, Fla., died Saturday, Feb. 29, 2008, at his home.

A graduate of DePauw University, he was the owner of Strock's Fine Men's Clothing in Angola, where he previously lived.

Mr. Strock was a Mason for more than 50 years, a trustee emeritus of Tri-State University, a board member of Angola State Bank, an active member of the United Methodist Church and a strong supporter of Youth for Christ in Auburn. He loved his family, his music and his golf game.

He was born in Hudson, to Frank and Ada Strock. He was married to Doris Hodges Nealis Strock for 23 years.

Surviving are his wife; his stepchildren, Carol and Jack McDonough of Hardley, Pa. and Karen and William Sload of Glenmoore, Pa.; grandchildren, Sean and Jennifer McDonough of Freehold, N.J., Carey and William Lever of Doylestown, Pa., William and Mandie Sload of Glenmoore, Pa.; great-grandchildren Kelsey, Brady, Cailey, Mackenzie and Owen; nieces and nephews Cindy and Gary Crum and Paul Sparks, all of Angola, Scott and Elaine Sparks of Ocala, Fla., and Steven and Karen Strock of Manchester, Mich.; and many great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Paul, and his first wife, Grace.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home with the Rev. David A. Michel officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the Youth for Christ Campus Life in Auburn or the Angola United Methodist Church.

Carol Lou Gage

KINGSTON SPRINGS, Tenn — Carol Lou Cavanaugh Gage, 58, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, in Kingston Springs, Tenn.

She was born May 5, 1949, in Fort Wayne to the late Jack and Betty Lou Lefevre Cavanaugh.

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly Lou Hayes of Kingston Springs, Tenn.; a brother, Jack Cavanaugh of Angola; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Lou Hayes of Kingston Springs, Tenn.

A memorial service will be held in Aurora, Ind., at a later date.

Memorials are to Alive Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Taylor Funeral Home of Dickson, Tenn., is handling arrangements.

Claudette Geiger

GLANDORF, Ohio — Claudette M. (Harpel) Billings Geiger, 65, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at 10:09 p.m. at St. Rita's Ambulatory Care Center in Glandorf, Ohio.

Mrs. Geiger was a homemaker and a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses.

She was born Sept. 29, 1942, in Alconbury, England, to Harold and Peggy (Townsend) Harpel. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Billings Jr. of Sylvania, Ohio, Timothy Billings of Pennsylvania and Sam Geiger of Bryan, Ohio; three daughters, Karen Billings of Bowling Green, Ohio, Betty Shuman of Butler and Cheryl Garza of Bryan; six grandchildren, John Caperton, Rodney Garza, John Garza Jr., Darby Geiger, Jacob Billings and Travis Shuman; a brother, Harold Harpel of Monclova, Ohio; and three sisters, Sharon Harasta of Michigan, Wendy Vara of Point Place, Ohio, and Peggy Sherwood-Hayes of Toledo.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Billings, and a daughter, Betty J. Geiger.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Kingdom Hall Jehovah Witnesses, 9935 S.R. 12 W, Findlay, Ohio, with Brother Sam Burton officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Heitmeyer Funeral Home, of Ottawa, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

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Pablo Hernandez

LIGONIER — Pablo Hernandez, 28, of Ligonier died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, near Albion as the result of injuries he sustained in a traffic accident that also claimed the life of his son, Emilio.

Pablo Hernandez

Mr. Hernandez was employed at Keystone RV in Goshen.

He attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Mr. Hernandez enjoyed playing soccer and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born Dec. 26, 1979, in H. Matamoros, Mexico, to Damion Hernandez Sr. and Martha Maldonado Banda. He married Graciela Molina in 1999.

Surviving are his wife, Graciela (Molina) Hernandez of Ligonier, a son, Pablo Hernandez Jr., of Ligonier; his mother, Martha Maldonado Banda of H. Matamoros, Mexico; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Damion and Eloiza Hernandez of Ligonier, Carlos A. Hernandez of Ligonier, Gerardo and Rosio Hernandez of Goshen and Jose J. Garces of Goshen; two sisters, Erendira Hernandez and Mariana Hernandez, both of H. Matamoros, Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Mariana Hernandez.

Joint services with his son will be at noon Thursday at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St., Ligonier, with Pastors Abel De Leon and Jose Luis Gutierrez officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Emilio Hernandez

LIGONIER — Emilio Hernandez, 5, of Ligonier died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, near Albion as the result of injuries he sustained in a traffic accident that also claimed the life of his father, Pablo.

Emilio Hernandez

Emilio lived his entire life in Ligonier.

He loved to play soccer.

He was born on Dec. 11, 2002, in Kendallville to Pablo and Graciela (Molina) Hernandez.

Surviving are his mother, Graciela (Molina) Hernandez of Ligonier; a brother, Pablo Hernandez Jr., of Ligonier; his grandparents, Gustavo and Manuela Herrara of Ligonier and Martha Maldonado Banda of H. Matamoros, Mexico.

Joint services with his father will be at noon Thursday at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St., Ligonier, with Pastors Abel De Leon and Jose Luis Gutierrez officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

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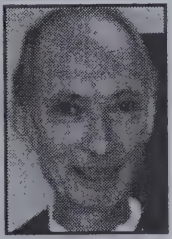
Wayne Trowbridge

LAGRANGE — Wayne Trowbridge, 67, of LaGrange died Monday, March 3, 2008, at his home.



Mr. Trowbridge

Mr. Trowbridge moved to Auburn from Columbus, Ind., where he taught school for 26 years. After moving to Auburn, he was a supervisor for DeKalb County Family and Children Services.

He was a member of the teachers union and active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

He was born Feb. 9, 1941, to Homer and Clara (Gammon) Trowbridge. He married Charlotte Uhl in Bradford on May 29, 1965. She preceded him in death on March 27, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Robert Campbell of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gordon Trowbridge of Alexandria, Va., and Steve and Michelle Trowbridge of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; three brothers, Dean Trowbridge and Don Trowbridge, both of Washington, Ind., and Jerry Trowbridge of Bloomington; and three sisters, Arlene of Indianapolis, Delores of Oden and Phyllis of Washington, Ind.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Frank and Robert Trowbridge.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Bradford, with Father John Fink officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Bradford.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange and one hour prior to services Friday at the church. A Rosary service will be at 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Pergrem

LIGONIER — Virginia L. Pergrem, 90, of Ligonier died at 1:50 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008, at The Maples of Waterford Crossing Nursing Home in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Faye McClellan

KENDALLVILLE — Faye G. McClellan, 90, of Kendallville died at 10:50 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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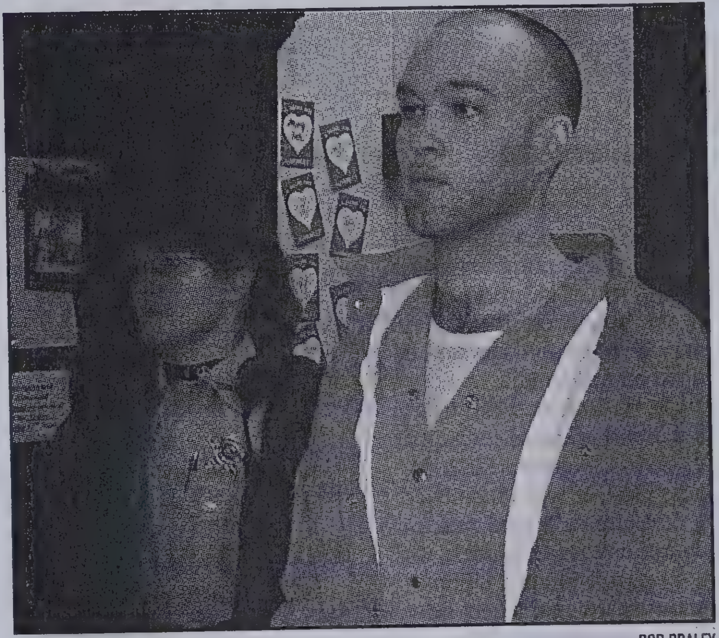
'Problem with authority' led to murder



BOB BRALEY

Charles William Chorpenning is escorted through the south entrance of the Noble County Courthouse on his way to his sentencing for murder and eight other charges Tuesday. Chorpenning was sentenced to 100 years in prison.

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Waterloo man sentenced to 100 years in prison for murder and eight other charges had a problem with authority as a young man, his stepfather said Tuesday in Noble Superior Court I.

That problem led to the murder of Patrick Biddle of Kendallville, Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said. "He has his own justice system and he will inflict it as he sees fit."

Charles William Chorpenning, 28, formerly of Kendallville and Albion, made a rambling statement consisting mainly of disconnected phrases when asked if he had anything to say before he was sentenced, ending with, "I am sorry."

Chorpenning was sentenced after pleading guilty Dec. 4, 2007, to murder, a felony; seven other felony charges; and being a habitual felon, a sentence enhancer.

Tuesday's hearing was moved into the Circuit Courtroom because of the number of people in the gallery. Most were family members or friends of either Chorpenning or his victim.

Chorpenning admitted during a guilty plea hearing Dec. 4, 2007, that he had murdered Biddle in Biddle's residence in the 600 block of Berry Lane, Kendallville, on March 5, 2007.

Chorpenning's stepfather, Carl Cook of Waterloo, said Chorpenning was a good kid with some authority issues while growing up, but acknowledged under cross-examination by Clouse that Chorpenning's juvenile criminal record began during those years.

Also under cross-examination, Cook said he had confronted Chorpenning in early March 2007 when he suspected his stepson had been involved in Biddle's murder.

The suspicions arose when Biddle's wallet and credit cards were among Chorpenning's property received after an accident. Cook said. He took a copy of a News-Sun issue with an article about Biddle's death and confronted Chorpenning, then took the evidence to police.

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Judge says man's history 'abominable'

“He wasn't the kid I'd helped raise by that time. The drugs had taken hold of him,” Cook said of Chorpenning.

Biddle's ex-wife, Sara Biddle, read a statement from her daughter, Jessica Biddle, that was nearly identical to one Jessica read when Chorpenning's co-conspirator, Lionel Cox Jr., was sentenced last month.

The statements began to differ with the words, “It is my understanding that you are the one most responsible for my father's murder.”

Jessica Biddle asked for justice. “A long prison sentence will at least give us the peace of mind to know that someone so evil and dangerous is unable to hurt others,” she wrote.

Kendallville Police Detective Lance Waters, the lead investigator on the case, testified that Biddle's apartment was neatly arranged, except for the areas affected by the struggle and the stains of Biddle's blood from that struggle.

The purpose of the burglary was to attack Biddle, Waters said. The items taken were not necessarily of value, and the apartment hadn't been ransacked.

Chorpenning's plan was to go to Biddle's apartment, bind him and punish him for an offense that existed only in Chorpenning's mind, Waters said.

“He had a delusional disorder. It didn't rise to the level of an insanity defense,” said Noble County chief public defender James Abbs. He asked for less than the maximum sentence.

“Heaven help us if any of us is the target of his next delusional disorder,” Clouse said. Chorpenning set punishment for others from his own delusions. “He continues to have some authority issues. He wants to be the authority.”

Clouse asked for the maximum sentence under the plea agreement — 107 years total.

In addition to the murder charge, Chorpenning also pleaded guilty Dec. 4 to burglary, a Class B felony, and five Class D felonies — theft and auto theft in the Biddle case, an unrelated charge of intimidation, and separate charges of auto theft and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle from a third case.

Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch said the habitual offender charge would only be meaningful if it were enhancing the murder charge. It could be used with only one of the charges Chorpenning faced.

“The defendant's prior criminal history, both as a juvenile and an adult, is abominable,” Kirsch said. “He is the worst of the worst and must be removed from society for a considerable period of time.” The offense was also one Kirsch deemed likely to reoccur.

Kirsch sentenced Chorpenning to 60 years for the murder plus 30 years for the enhancement. A 20-year sentence for the Class B felony was made concurrent to those charges.

Kirsch also sentenced Chorpenning to back-to-back 2 1/2-year sentences for each Class D felony in the murder case and for each separate Class D felony case. He made the sentences two charges in the auto theft and resisting law enforcement case run at the same time.

Kirsch also ordered Chorpenning to pay $19,386.89 to State Farm Insurance for the car Chorpenning totaled in the auto theft and resisting law enforcement case.

Murder is the only felony charge under Indiana law that does not have a Class A, B, C or D designation.

Chorpenning has the right to seek a sentence modification when he turns 62 years old as part of the plea agreement.

As part of the plea agreement, related charges of confinement, a Class D felony; trespass, a Class A misdemeanor; and criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor, would be released against Chorpenning.

Chorpenning's co-defendant, Lionel D. Cox Jr., 22, of Waterloo, was sentenced Feb. 15 to 45 years in prison for murder, a felony; burglary, a Class B felony; and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, a Class D felony.

Clouse said the public needs to know what a good job the Kendallville Police Department did in investigating the case, and that the Noble County Sheriff's Department did in assisting. “I know personally that the detectives were working 24-7 to get this solved,” he said.

Clouse added that he hopes the sentence can give the Biddle family some closure.

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Billie Mearse

HAMILTON — Billie A. Mearse, 78, of Hamilton died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. March 1, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where he was a resident.

Mr. Mearse was employed by the New York Central Railroad, farmed and retired as a truck driver with Edon Machine. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean conflict.

He was born Aug. 19, 1929, in Fayetteville, Tenn., to John and Alda (George) Mearse.

He married Helen I. Thompson on July 7, 1951, in Woodburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Orin “Odie” and DeAnn Mearse of Edon, Ohio, Paul Mearse of Angola and Gene Mearse of Hamilton; a daughter-in-law, Patty Thompson of Evansville; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Walter Mearse in North Carolina and Rubin Mearse in Fayetteville, Tenn.; and two sisters, Maude May Taylor and Carrie Perry, both of Fayetteville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jay Roger Thompson; and two sisters, Lucy Colbart and Annie Beth Mearse.

Services were today at 10:30 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery near Blakeslee, Ohio.

Memorials are to the family to help defray medical expenses or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Rick Richcreek

SYRACUSE — Rick L. Richcreek, 42, of Syracuse died at 10 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2008, in Kalkaska County, Mich., from injuries he received in a snowmobile accident.

Mr. Richcreek was a lifetime Kosciusko County area resident and graduated in 1982 from Warsaw Community High School.

He was a farmer and formerly employed at Ameri-Camp in Syracuse.

Mr. Richcreek was a member of the Sons of American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.

He was born April 26, 1965, in Columbia City to Larry R. and Sarah S. (Shoemaker) Richcreek.

Surviving are his mother, Sarah Richcreek of Cromwell; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Thomas and Debbie Richcreek of Leesburg, Randall Richcreek of Syracuse and Daniel and Lori Richcreek of Leesburg; his longtime companion, Sally Meade of Syracuse; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with the Rev. Jeff Boyer of North Webster Church of God officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Mock Addition at North Webster Cemetery.

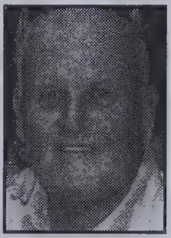
Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to the family.

To send condolences to the family, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Bruce McMillan

MIDDLEBURY — Bruce A. McMillan, 56, of Middlebury died unexpectedly at 2:35 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008, at his residence.


Mr. McMillan

Mr. McMillan had worked for Liberty Homes since 1971 in several different management positions, currently serving as vice president of sales.

He loved to play golf and was a member of Spring Meadows Golf Course in Middlebury. He was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed sports, including football, hockey and tennis. He was also an animal lover.

He was born June 13, 1951, in Holland, Mich., to Alexander C. Thelma J. (McCorquodale) McMillan. He married Jill Strohm on June 30, 1984, in Lancaster, Pa. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, MaryBeth Eileen McMillan of Indianapolis; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jourdan McMillan of Middlebury, Jonathan D. and Allison McMillan of New Jersey, and Erik A. McMillan of Pennsylvania; and a sister, Susan McMillan-Gamber and her husband, Clyde, of New Holland, Pa.

He was preceded in death by parents.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for his children’s college expenses.

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Ray Ramey

KENDALLVILLE — Ray Ramey, 57, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Mr. Ramey

Mr. Ramey had been employed with Quick Tanks in Kendallville for 22 years.

He loved deer hunting, fishing and enjoyed taking care of his flower gardens and the pond in his backyard.

Mr. Ramey was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born in Kendallville on Feb. 3, 1951, to Curtis and Laura (Terry) Ramey. He married Ruth Ann Rappel on March 29, 1970, in Clintwood, Va. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Jack Lough of Albion; three granddaughters, Kara, Ashlyn and Erica Fields, all of Albion; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna and Jacob Blevins of Auburn, Evie and Don Zolman of LaGrange, Faye and AC Howard of Garrett, Ky., Clausie and Rick Cox of Lark Lane, Ky., Brenda and Willie Patton of Hueysville, Ky., and Barb and Tom Stanford of Kendallville; and a brother, Bradford Ramey of Hueysville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Claude Ramey; and a sister, Sherleen Rose.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be his nephews, Jeff Zolman, Shane Hall, Terry Marcum, Brandon Marcum, Joseph Stanford and Bob Ritchie.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or School or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include information on a memorial service.*

Carol Lou Gage

KINGSTON SPRINGS, Tenn. — Carol Lou Cavanaugh Gage, 58, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, in Kingston Springs, Tenn.

She was born May 5, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Jack and Betty Lou Lefevre Cavanaugh, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly Lou Hayes of Kingston Springs, Tenn.; a brother, Jack Cavanaugh of Angola; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Lou Hayes of Kingston Springs, Tenn.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 29, at 4 p.m. at Bridgewater Golf Club in Auburn.

Memorials are to Alive Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Taylor Funeral Home of Dickson, Tenn., is handling arrangements.

Nathan Shull

HOWE — Yeoman 2nd Class (SS) Nathan C. Shull, 24, of Howe died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shull

Mr. Shull had lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was currently serving on active duty with the United States Navy.

He was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He was born Oct. 18, 1983, in LaGrange to David K. and Catherine (Cross) Shull.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Catherine and Ron Henschel of Howe; his father and stepmother, David and Denise Shull of LaGrange; his grandparents, David and Mary Ann Cross of Howe and Jeannette Shull of Brimfield; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeremiah D. and Danielle Shull of LaGrange; a stepsister, Lindsey Henschel of LaGrange, and a stepbrother, Ronnie Henschel III of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at LaGrange Church of God with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. A military service will be conducted by the United States Navy.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or LaGrange County Relay for Life.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

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Faye McClellan

Mrs. McClellan

KENDALLVILLE — Faye G. McClellan, 90, of Kendallville died at 10:50 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. McClellan worked for 16 years at Universal Friction in Kendallville and 15 1/2 years as a nurses' aide at the Lutheran Home.

She enjoyed being with her family, embroidery, fishing, flowers and gardening.

A lifetime area resident, she was born Dec. 18, 1917, in Kendallville to Walter W. and Mary Elizabeth (Harris) Greenwalt. She married Vernon C. McClellan in November 1933. He preceded her in death June 15, 1984.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia and Richard Hammel and Rita M. and Carl Rose, all of Kendallville, and Lorraine Allen of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Donna Lee McClellan and Nancy Lee McClellan; three sons, Leland V. McClellan, Max A. McClellan and Marvin C. McClellan; three sisters, Bertha Hoover, Wava Drake and Violet Hall; and a brother, Warren Greenwalt.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Percy Young officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Roy Heinke, Aaron Heinke, Gabriel Argueta, Miles Sierk, Lee McClellan, Tim Tackett, Chad Waugh and Gavin Heinke.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Todd Yarde

WABASH — Todd Lee Yarde, 41, of rural Wabash died Sunday, March 2, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Yarde was a 1986 graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, and received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1991 from Tri-State University in Angola.

He had been the foundry processing engineer at Ford Meter Box in Wabash for the past 11 years.

Mr. Yarde was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Wabash.

He was born Nov. 4, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Lee and Peggy S. (Clabaugh) Yarde. They survive in Fort Wayne. He married his high school sweetheart, Anne R. Bougher, in Fort Wayne on Oct. 17, 1992. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Elizabeth A. Yarde and Mary M. Yarde, both of Wabash; two sons, Johnathon L. Yarde and Daniel A. Yarde, both of Wabash; his grandmother, Lois Yarde of Avilla; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Gary M. Yarde and Bryan M. and Leslye Yarde of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Tom Mason of Fort Wayne; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne, with Father James Shafer and Father Sextus Don officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the church. There will be a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his children.

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Leona Tucker

ONTARIO, Calif. — Leona Eileen (Murphy) Theurer Marsack Link Tucker, 87, of Ontario, Calif., and formerly of Corunna died Saturday, March 1, 2008, in Ontario.

Mrs. Tucker graduated from Kendallville High School in 1938 and St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Fort Wayne in 1942.

She was a registered nurse from 1942 to 1980, working in hospitals in Garrett, Kendallville, Fort Wayne, Chicago and Salt Lake City. She retired from Lanterman State Hospital in Montclair, Calif.

Mrs. Tucker was a member of First Baptist Church in Pomona, Calif., and the American Nurses Association.

While in school in Fort Wayne, she met Jack Theurer of Portland and Kendallville. A daughter was born to them. She then married Thomas Marsack of Detroit. They had a son born to them. She then resided and worked in Chicago. She married Ted Link of Chicago. Later she moved back to Garrett, married Theodore Tucker and moved to Corunna. She moved to Salt Lake City, and eventually, she moved to California.

She was born Nov. 17, 1920, in Kendallville to Fredrick Henry and Iva Belle (Bloomfield) Murphy.

Surviving are a daughter, Marjadene M. Theurer-Murphy Seidel of Salt Lake City, Utah; two sons, Thomas Marsack of San Bernardino County, Calif., and David Tucker of Los Angeles, Calif.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Jack Theurer, Ted Link, and Theodore Tucker and three sisters, Doris Murphy Kirchner, Martha Murphy Floyd and Kathleen Murphy Clark.

Graveside services will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Kathleen Hawk

COLDWATER, Mich. — Kathleen Ellen Hawk, 54, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, March 1, 2008, in Valdosta, Ga.

Surviving is her companion, Terry Douglas of Coldwater.

Arrangements are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 5, 2008, Wednesday

Chorpenning sentenced

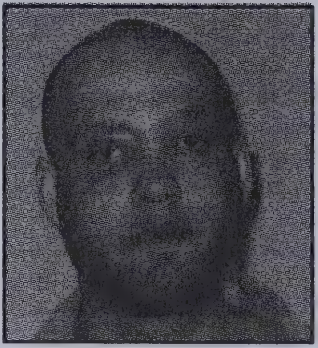
ALBION — A Waterloo man was sentenced Tuesday morning to 100 years on charges associated with the murder of a Kendallville man.

Charles William Chorpenning, 29, appeared before Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch for a sentencing hearing. After hearing the arguments of Chorpenning's attorney and attorneys for the prosecution, Judge Kirsch handed down sentences totaling 100 years.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven T. Clouse has requested a sentence of 110 years.

Chorpenning had pleaded guilty December 4, 2007 in Noble Superior Court I to murder in the March 5, 2007 strangulation death of Patrick S. Biddle at Biddle's Kendallville apartment. Chorpenning also pleaded guilty to theft and auto theft associated with the Biddle case, both class D felonies. In addition, he pleaded guilty to burglary, a Class B felony; and three other Class D felonies in unrelated cases — intimidation, and separate charges of auto theft and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle from a third case.

Chorpenning was a co-conspirator with Lionel Cox, Jr. 22, also of Waterloo.



Charles W. Chorpenning

In the plea agreement, Chorpenning had agreed to testify truthfully in the case against Cox.

Cox had been scheduled for week-long trial which was to have begun in Noble Circuit Court I on January 21, 2008. However on January 8, he pleaded guilty to murder, burglary - a class B felony, and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, a class D felony - all related to the Biddle death.

Cox received a sentence of 45 years in prison for the murder of Biddle and concurrent sentences of 20 years for the burglary and three years for the unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle.

Patrick S. Biddle

Phyllis Jean Owen, 87

Phyllis Jean Owen, age 87, of Avilla, passed away on Friday, February 29, 2008 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Owen was born near Wolf Lake, Noble County, on August 19, 1920 to John Leo and Alta May Rosenogle.

She married Roscoe Owen on February 15, 1944 in Fort Wayne and he preceded her in death June 30, 1985.

Mrs. Owen was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and a homemaker who enjoyed the outdoors and working in her yard and cooking.

Survivors include: one daughter, Carolyn (Max) Parker of Kendallville; one son, Jon (Deborah) Owen of Kendallville; three grandchildren: Lori (Mark) Bower of Kendallville, Jon (Jill) Owen of Kendallville, and Kathryn (Andrew) Byrom of Avilla; four great grandchildren: Matthew and Grace Bower and Owen and Jack Byrom; one brother, Billy O. Rosenogle of Michigan.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Joe Rosenogle, and sister, Donna Shriner

Funeral Services were held Monday, March 3, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home. Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiated. Casketbearers will be her family members.

Burial took place at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Timothy "Tim" Wagner, 44

ALBION - Timothy "Tim" Allen Wagner, 44, of Albion died unexpectedly Thursday, February 28, 2008 at his home.

He was born October 8, 1963 in Columbia City, Indiana to Frank Wagner (deceased) and Nancy (Mettler) Smith.

He was a welder for Kneppers in Albion for one year and prior to that he worked at World Class Wire and Cable in Columbia City for several years.

On August 4, 2004 he married Mary Schultis in Avilla. She survives in Albion.

In his life, Tim enjoyed many things, like fishing, golf, snowmobiling, bowling, football, and was a big fan of the Chicago Bears, and NASCAR. He liked to go to sporting events with his kids, and enjoyed cooking.

He was a lifetime area resident and was a member of the Albion Sons of the American Legion Post 246, and the Albion Snowmobile Club.

Other surviving family are two sons Kyle Allen Wagner and Jacob Henry Wagner, both at home; two daughters, Samantha and Emily Allred, both at home; mother and step father Nancy and William Smith of Columbia City; two brothers, Doug Smith of Columbia City, Dave (Kate) Lotter of Churubusco; sisters, Delaina Cole of Columbia City, Tonya (Jack) Martin of Syracuse, Vicky (Mike) Tallent of Maryville, TN, Tammy (Steve) Parkison of Crown Point, IN, Debbie (Jeff) Zickafoose of Columbia City, and Deidra Wadman of New Castle; mother and father-n-law, James and Dianna Schultis of rural Albion; brother-in-laws, Daniel Schultis of Albion and Michael (Jackie) Schultis of Garrett; sister-in-laws, Patricia (John) Parrish of Avilla and Catherine Roundtree of Albion; several loving nieces and nephews.

Services were held March 4, 2008 at Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trail Ridge Rd., Albion. Rev. Larry Williams officiated. Burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may be made to Tim's children in care of Community State Bank.

Maxine E. Rider, 83

BEAR LAKE – Maxine E. Rider, of Bear Lake, age 83, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Born in Sturgis, MI, she was a housekeeper with Lutheran Home retiring in 1980.

She loved her family, enjoyed gardening and playing cards.

Survivors include four daughters, Janet Myers of Fort Wayne, Ruth (Richard) Teeter of Albion, Sharon (William) Sommers of Smyrna TN, and Louise Zimmerman of Albion; eight grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Nora Wadsworth Ash; her husband, Norman Rider in 2007; a son, Larry G. Lock in 2004; and three brothers.

Service was March 1, 2008 at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Rev. David Binkley officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 5, 2008, Wednesday

Pablo Hernandez, 28

LIGONIER– Pablo Hernandez, age 28, died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on February 29, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in Albion.

Pablo was born December 26, 1979 to Damian Hernandez Sr. and Martha Maldonado Banda in H. Matamoros, Mexico. He married Graciela (Molina) in 1999 and lived in Ligonier.

He worked for Keystone RV in Goshen and attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier. He also enjoyed playing soccer and spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving are his wife: Martha; one son Pablo Hernandez Jr.; his mother Martha Maldonado Banda of H. Matamoros, Mexico; four brothers Damian (Eloiza) Hernandez and Carlos A. Hernandez both of Ligonier; Gerardo (Rosio) Hernandez and Jose J. Garces both of Goshen along with one sister Erendira Hernandez of H. Matamoros, Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his father and one sister Mariana Hernandez.

Visiting hours will take place March 5, 2008 from 2-8 p.m. at Trinity Assembly of God -1288 West Union St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

Funeral services will be held March 6, 2008 at Trinity Assembly of God at 12 noon. The Pastors Abel De Leon and Jose Luis Gutierrez will be officiating.

Burial will take place at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, IN.

Memorials are to the family.

Emilio Hernandez, 5

LIGONIER – Emilio Hernandez, age 5, died February 29, 2008 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Albion.

Emilio was born December 11, 2002 to Pablo and Graciela (Molina) Hernandez in Kendallville and had lived all his life in Ligonier.

Emilio loved to play soccer.

Surviving are his mother, Graciela (Molina) Hernandez and one brother Pablo Hernandez Jr.; grandparents Gustavo and Manuela Herrere of Ligonier, IN and Martha Maldonado Banda of H. Matamoros, Mexico.

Visitation will take place on March 5, 2008 from 2-8 p.m. at Trinity Assembly of God - 1288 West Union St., Ligonier IN 46767.

Funeral services will take place March 6, 2008 at 12 noon at the Trinity Assembly of God. The Pastors Abel De Leon and Jose Luis Gutierrez will be officiating.

Burial will be in the Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, IN.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 5, 2008, Wednesday

James "Jim" W. Mault, 67

WAWAKA - James "Jim" W. Mault, 67, of Wawaka, died suddenly Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at his home.

He was born May 15, 1940 at the family farm in Wawaka. The son of Walter and Freda (Teders) Mault, he graduated from Wawaka High School in 1958.

On June 7, 1969 he married Darlene Demske at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Mault was a self-employed farmer and carpet installer working with L&M Flooring in Wawaka. He was a US Army Veteran serving during the Korean conflict.

He loved baseball and coached for 13 years. He was a history buff and also loved spending time with his family, especially his grandsons. He was a fisherman, hunter and bird watcher. He loved guns and shooting. He also enjoyed reading, was very devoted to his country, very patriotic. Mr. Mault loved working with his dogs, gardening, and flowers.

Jim was a lifetime resident of Noble County, was a member of St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City. Also belonged to the National Rifle Assocaition, Pheasants Forever, Ligonier Rotary Club and the Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Others survivors include one son, Jeff Mault of Wawaka, and his fiance, Abbey Lortie of Kimmell; one daughter and her husband, Jamie (Joe) McGrath of Fort Wayne; mother-in-law Loretta Demske of Wolcottville; two grandsons, Jacob and Josh McGrath; two brothers, Max Mault of Goshen and John Mault of Wolcottville; two sisters, Margaret De Lucenay of Middlebury and Eilene Messner of Port St. Lucie, FL.

He was preceeded in death by his parents, a brother, Bob Mault, and two half-brothers, Wayne and Dick Mault.

Mass of Christian Burial took place March 3, 2008 at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City. Father Matt Jozefiak officiated.

Burial took place at St. Gaspar's Catholic Cemetery. Ligonier American Legion Post 243 conducted military graveside services.

Please make memorials to Masses to the Church or Wawaka High School Alumni.

Ronald Lee Taylor, 69

LIGONIER - Ronald Lee Taylor, 69, of Ligonier, died Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 7:50 PM at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a lifetime resident of Noble County, and was born to Lee and Cleo (Fausnaugh) Taylor.

He served in the Air Force for 11 years during the Vietnam War.

He retired from Kreager Bros. Excavating Inc. after more than 30 years of service.

He belonged to the VFW Post 4717 in Wolf Lake, where he was very active, and the Albion American Legion Post 246.

Mr. Taylor had his own race car and raced in New Paris, Indiana. He enjoyed bird watching, NASCAR racing, and oval track racing.

Surviving are six brothers and 4 sister-n-laws. James Taylor, Larry Taylor, Joseph (Vicki) Taylor; Richard (Yvonne) Taylor all of Ligonier. Robert (Deb) Taylor of Wolf Lake, and Harry (Linda) Taylor of Albion; two sisters and one brother-n-law, Sharon Young of Kimmell, and Beverly (Bud) Todd of Albion; many neices and nephews and many dear friends.

He is preceeded in death by his parents, and a brother, Jerry Taylor who died on February 20, 2002.

Services were held March 3, 2008 at J.A Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 South Main. St., Ligonier. Celebrant Larry Baker officiated.

Burial took place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Albion American Legion Post 246 will be conducting military graveside services.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 5, 2008, Wednesday

George "Bob" Robert Swinehart, 81

George "Bob" Robert Swinehart, 81, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 2:45 p.m. Friday, February 29, 2008, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne after an extended illness.

Mr. Swinehart was born in Noble County on August 7, 1926, a son of Walter C. and Wilma Elizabeth (Slagle) Swinehart.

As a young man he served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the 35th Infantry as a light truck driver and sharpshooter.

Following his military discharge he was married in Fort Wayne on January 9, 1949 to Eleanor J. Nicolet. The couple spent their married years in Green Township.

He retired in 1990 as an operating engineer at the Falstaff Brewing Company in Fort Wayne, and was a member of Operating Engineers Local 19 in Fort Wayne.

Always an intensely patriotic American, he was a member of American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne and the Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846.

The surviving relatives include his wife Eleanor; his children Billy Gene (Cherii) Swinehart of Churubusco, Cheryll Lynn (Bob) Fiorendino of Lantana, TX., Susan Marie (Kevin) Howlett of Asheboro, NC., and Robert Charles Swinehart of Peoria, IL; a sister Joan Parks of Kendallville; and six grandchildren Adam Swinehart, Malinda Neith, Jaimee Granberry, Andrew Howlett, Allison Neith and Austin Howlett.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Billy Jean Swinehart in World War II. Also deceased are five sisters Thelma Kruse, Violet Milford, Betty Swinehart, Norma Spriggs and Carol Boyles; and a grandson Nickolas Swinehart.

Services were held March 4, 2008 at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Reverend Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiated.

Interment with military graveside rites was held at the Leo Cemetery in Leo.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main Street, Churubusco, IN 46723.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Swinehart's memory, please visit www.sheetsandchilds.-net.

Loma Siples, 76

KENDALLVILLE — Loma Siples, 76, of Kendallville died at 7:36 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she resided for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Siples has lived in Noble County most of her adult life, coming from Ohio.

She was a homemaker.

She was born March 16, 1931, in Middlefield, Ohio, to John and Sarah (Gingerich) Farmwald.

She married Dale Eugene Siples on March 16, 1963, in Avilla. He preceded her in death on May 16, 2002.

Surviving are three stepdaughters and their husbands, Terry and Scott Showen of Kendallville, Judy and Larry Ober of Albion, and Billie and Harry Swick of Wolcottville; one stepson, David Siples of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty Spencer of Hopedale, Ohio, Sally and Ervin Miller of Farmington, Ohio, Marion Farmwald of Middlefield, Ohio, and Cass and Ervin Byler of Sarasota, Fla.; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Mary Farmwald of Middlefield, Ohio, John and Rita Farmwald of Sarasota, Fla., and James "Butch" and Eddie Farmwald of Huntsburg.

Services were held March 3, 2008 at the Young Family Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiated. Burial took place in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chad Showen, Paul Wickey, Donald Siples, Daniel Siples, Ryan Swick and Logan Swick.

Preferred memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 5, 2008, Wednesday

Velma Kiester, 89

KIMMELL — Velma Kiester, 89, a resident of rural Kimmell died at 1:43 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Kiester was born in Green Township in Noble County on October 14, 1918, a daughter of Fred and Clara (Diffendarfer) Owen, and spent her formative years in that community.

On April 15, 1939, she was married in Noble County to Max J. Kiester. Early in their marriage the couple owned and operated a grocery at Etna and moved to their farm home in Washington Township 60 years ago. Employed as a school cook, she retired in 1984 from the cafeteria at West Noble High School in Ligonier after over 25 years.

She was a member of the Ormas Baptist Church and its Missionary Society, and in her leisure time enjoyed gardening, reading, and spending time with friends. Most especially, she loved and enjoyed her family.

Mr. Kiester, a well-known Noble County farmer, preceded her in death on May 11, 1999.

The surviving relatives include two daughters Judy (Paul) Geiger and Joyce (Tom) Beezley, both of Churubusco; her son Jim D. (Marsha) Kiester of Kimmell; ten grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter Donna West in 2001; a sister Edith Bonar; and by four brothers, Clarence Owen, Woodward Owen, Dale F. Owen, and Leo Owen.

Services were held Monday, March 3, 2008 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home Churubusco with Rev. Rodney Schuler, pastor of Ormas Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in the Stringtown Cemetery, Noble County

Memorials are to the Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N. C.R. 300W, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Rev. Charles "Pat" Merrill, 52

BUFFALO, KY – Rev. Charles "Pat" Merrill, 52, of Buffalo, KY died Sun. February 24, 2008.

He was born April 29, 1955 to Charles "Chuck" and Nita (Draper) Merrill.

On May 7, 1977 he married Vickie L. Mundon of Albion, IN. She survives

Other survivors include: one son Charles "Seth" (Breanne) Merrill of Moultrie, GA.; four sisters and four brothers.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services were held February 27, 2008 at the Buffalo Nazarene Church where Charles was the Pastor.

Ray C. Shroyer
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Always Loved,
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THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 6, 2008, Thursday

Daughter wants missing dad declared dead

Rural Avilla man disappeared in 2003

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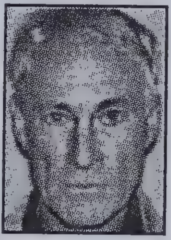
AUBURN — The daughter of a missing rural Avilla man wants a court to order that her father is presumed dead.

Jamie Rene Jacquay of Fort Wayne has filed a petition in DeKalb Circuit Court for the presumption of death and the unsupervised administration of the estate of her father, Chalmer P. Tuttle.

A hearing on the matter has been scheduled for April 8 at 9 a.m.

Tuttle was reported missing Feb. 13, 2003, by relatives who said they had been in daily contact with him until Jan. 30 of that year. According to police reports at the time of his disappearance, police found Tuttle's pickup truck, a dark green Toyota T100, at a Topeka sale barn on the same evening he was reported missing.



Tuttle

At the time, police reported discovering that Tuttle apparently had left his home on DeKalb C.R. 36, near the Noble-DeKalb county line northeast of Avilla, without taking personal items. They found a slow-cooker still turned on with burned food inside.

Police reported Tuttle's vehicle showed no evidence of violence or foul play.

Tuttle, who was 60 at the time of his disappearance, was a farmer and also worked as a sales representative for Beck Seed Co. of Atlanta, Ind. Police described him as 5-foot-8 and 150 pounds, with graying hair.

"The case has gone cold," DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis said Wednesday. "Nobody has ever located him. The only thing we had was his truck was abandoned at Topeka around the livestock auction area. All our leads went nowhere. He just disappeared ... all leads have been exhausted. We have no idea where he or his body is."

Dennis said no financial transactions were made on Tuttle's bank account after his disappearance.

The sheriff said he cannot recall any similar cases in DeKalb County. He said Tuttle's disappearance was treated as suspicious, because it appeared Tuttle planned to return home but never did.

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Gerald Dyson

ROANN — Gerald Lloyd Dyson, 86, of Roann died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 8:15 p.m. at Wabash County Hospital.

Mr. Dyson

Mr. Dyson was a 1940 graduate of Roann High School and attended Manchester College. He was a farmer. He also worked for Cyclone Seeder in Urbana and Laurer Farm Center in Roann. He drove a school bus for Roann and Metro Schools for 31 years. He also worked for VanBuskirk Asphalt Sealing.

He was the official basketball scorer for Roann and Northfield high schools for many years. He also was a member of the Roann First Brethren Church.

He was born Feb. 25, 1922, in Wabash County to William and Mary (Clock) Dyson.

He married Maxine (Yarian) Cole in North Manchester on Dec. 7, 1946. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gene and Linda Dyson of Logansport, Ken and Bonny Dyson of Butler and Steven and Kim Dyson of Franklin; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and a brother, Robert W. Dyson of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by six brothers, a sister and a grandson, Christopher Dyson.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Roann First Brethren Church in Roann. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church

A memorial guest book may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Florence Shultz

HOWE — Florence L. Shultz, 88, of Howe died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Ms. Shultz

A registered nurse, she retired after 31 years of service from LaGrange County Hospital. She also did volunteer work at the hospital.

She was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe and the Hospital Retirees Club.

She was born in LaGrange County on Aug. 1, 1919, to Clyde H. and Etta (Fair) Shultz. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Rachel E. Miller and Mary Jane Hoerl, both of Howe; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Also preceding her in death we two sisters, Ruth Long and Mabel Forker.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

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Jerry Waller

ANGOLA — Jerry L. Waller, 62, of Angola died at 9:29 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Waller

Mr. Waller was an Army veteran from the Vietnam War. He retired from Simpson Industries in Fremont after 35 years.

He was an avid golfer and motorcycle rider who loved his family very much. He was a member of Orland Legion No. 423, U.A.W., Abate of Steuben County and Zollner Golf Course.

He was born Aug. 18, 1945, in Hudson to Gerald C. and Lela (Simmons) Waller.

Surviving are his former wife, Dolores Burch of Coldwater, Mich.; one son, Tim Waller and one daughter, Jenny Waller, both of Angola; and a sister, Betty Landis of Riverside, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susie, in 1970; a brother, Robert Waller; and a sister, Mabel Noragon.

Graveside services conducted by American Legion Post No. 413 and burial will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

Gretta Houck

FORT WAYNE — Gretta Houck, 82, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Ossian Health & Rehab.

Mrs. Houck was born Jan. 19, 1926, in Kendallville to Rosemarie Childs. She married Dewey Houck on July 19, 1946. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheri and Donald Bowers, Shelly Johnson and Terri and David Hammons; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Cindy Houck and Timothy and Debra Houck; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a longtime friend, Donna Reith.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Harmes.

Services will be at noon Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Memorials are to New Hope Hospice.

Julia Singh

ROME CITY — Memorial services for Julia Ann Singh, 69, of Rome City will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Rome City United Methodist Church on Washington Street in Rome City.

Mrs. Singh died in a traffic accident on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, near Maryville, Mo.

She graduated from Clearmont High School in 1955. In 1959 she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and a Master's Degree in education from Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Singh worked in the accounting department of Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.

She was born July 21, 1938, in Clearmont, Mo., to Len Curtis and Bessie Clara (Lyle) Daise. She married Mahesh "Mike" Singh on Nov. 18, 1962, in Clearmont. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raj and Melissa Singh of San Jose, Calif., and Dave and Ellen Singh of Edwardsville, Ill.; and five grandchildren, Zoe, Eden, Katelyn, Michael and Anna Singh.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert.

Memorials are to Rome City United Methodist Church, 297 Washington St., Rome City, IN 46784.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Funerals are today for crash victims

Bob Braley

This was the scene on S.R. 9 last Friday, when two Ligonier residents lost their lives.

LIGONIER — Funeral services were planned for today at a Ligonier church for a father and his five-year-old son who perished in a tragic weather-related automobile accident Friday.

Pablo Hernandez, 28, of Ligonier, and his son, Emilio Hernandez, 5, died in the accident.

Two passengers in his car were also injured.

Pablo's sister, Gracie Hernandez, 24, of Ligonier, was released from Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Monday. She had been listed in fair condition as of Monday afternoon, after being upgraded from serious condition on Friday.

Hernandez's sister, Veronica Herrera, believed to be about 12 years old, also of Ligonier, remains hospitalized at Parkview Noble Hospital.

She is a sixth grader at West Noble Middle School, where her teachers and classmates are rallying for her as she recovers from the serious injuries she received.

Veronica took a turn for the better Monday night, according to her homeroom teacher, Dave Brockett, who has been in contact with Veronica's family.

"She sat up and started talking Monday night," Brockett said. "That was great news for the family. We told the kids Tuesday morning and they were really happy to hear it."

A over-sized get-well card was made and signed by students at the middle school.

"She's a really good student," Brockett said of Veronica. "Just a real nice, little girl . . . an all-around good kid. It's tough when something like this happens to a special kid. The other kids really like her. Everyone wanted to sign the card and send their get-well messages to her."

Funerals were set for today at Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier for Pablo

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Hernandez and his son, Emilio.

The accident happened when Hernandez reportedly slid on a snowy bridge on S.R. 9 just south of the entrance to Chain O' Lakes State Park at 10:15 a.m. Friday and struck a sport-utility vehicle head-on.

The father and son were pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said everyone was wearing seat belts.

No one in the SUV was injured, according to Indiana State Police.

Pablo Hernandez

LIGONIER — Pablo Hernandez, 28, of Ligonier died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, near Albion as the result of injuries he sustained in a traffic accident that also claimed the life of his son, Emilio.

Pablo Hernandez

Mr. Hernandez was employed at Keystone RV in Goshen.

He attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Mr. Hernandez enjoyed playing soccer and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born Dec. 26, 1979, in H. Matamoros, Mexico, to Damion Hernandez Sr. and Martha Maldonado Banda. He married Graciela Molina in 1999.

Surviving are his wife, Graciela (Molina) Hernandez of Ligonier, a son, Pablo Hernandez Jr., of Ligonier; his mother, Martha Maldonado Banda of H. Matamoros, Mexico; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Damion and Eloiza Hernandez of Ligonier, Carlos A. Hernandez of Ligonier, Gerardo and Rosio Hernandez of Goshen and Jose J. Garces of Goshen; two sisters, Erendira Hernandez and Mariana Hernandez, both of H. Matamoros, Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Mariana Hernandez.

Joint services with his son will be at noon today, Thursday, at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St., Ligonier, with Pastors Abel De Leon and Jose Luis Gutierrez officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Emilio Hernandez

LIGONIER — Emilio Hernandez, 5, of Ligonier died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, near Albion as the result of injuries he sustained in a traffic accident that also claimed the life of his father, Pablo.

Emilio Hernandez

Emilio lived his entire life in Ligonier.

He loved to play soccer.

He was born on Dec. 11, 2002, in Kendallville to Pablo and Graciela (Molina) Hernandez.

Surviving are his mother, Graciela (Molina) Hernandez of Ligonier; a brother, Pablo Hernandez Jr., of Ligonier; his grandparents, Gustavo and Manuela Herrara of Ligonier and Martha Maldonado Banda of H. Matamoros, Mexico.

Joint services with his father will be at noon today, Thursday, at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St., Ligonier, with Pastors Abel De Leon and Jose Luis Gutierrez officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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March 6, 2008, Thursday

Ronald Taylor

LIGONIER — Ronald Lee Taylor, 69, of Ligonier died at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Taylor retired from Kreager Bros. Excavating Inc. after more than 30 years of service. Mr. Taylor owned his own race car and raced at the New Paris speedway and was a NASCAR fan.

Along with racing, he enjoyed bird watching.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he served in the Air Force for 11 years during the Vietnam War. He belonged to VFW Post 4717 in Wolf Lake, where he was very active, and Albion American Legion Post 246.

He was born to Lee and Cleo (Fausnaugh) Taylor.

Surviving are six brothers and four sisters-in-law, James Taylor, Larry Taylor, Joseph and Vicki Taylor and Richard and Yvonne Taylor, all of Ligonier, Robert and Deb Taylor of Wolf Lake and Harry and Linda Taylor of Albion; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sharon Young of Kimmell and Beverly and Bud Todd of Albion; and many nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Taylor, who died Feb. 20, 2002.

Funeral services were Monday at J.A Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Larry Baker officiating. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services by members of Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling was Sunday at the funeral home.

Velma Kiester

KIMMELL — Velma Kiester, 89, of Kimmell died at 1:43 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Keister and her husband, Max, had owned and operated a grocery at Etna and moved to their farm home in Washington Township 60 years ago.

Mrs. Kiester

She had been employed as a school cook and retired in 1984 from the cafeteria at West Noble High School in Ligonier after more than 25 years of service.

Mrs. Keister was a member of the Ormas Baptist Church and its Missionary Society. She enjoyed gardening, reading, and spending time with her friends and family.

She was born in Green Township in Noble County on Oct. 14, 1918, to Fred and Clara (Diffendarfer) Owen. She married Max J. Kiester on April 15, 1939, in Noble County. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Paul Geiger and Joyce and Tom Beezley, all of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim D. and Marsha Kiester of Kimmell; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Donna West in 2001; a sister, Edith Bonar; and four brothers, Clarence Owen, Woodward Owen, Dale F. Owen and Leo Owen.

Services were Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rodney Schuler, pastor of Ormas Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Stringtown Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling was Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N. C.R. 300W, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Services pending for Virginia Pergrem

LIGONIER — Virginia L. Pergrem, 90, of Ligonier died at 1:50 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008, at The Maples of Waterford Crossing Nursing Home in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Rick Richcreek

SYRACUSE — Rick L. Richcreek, 42, of Syracuse died at 10 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2008, in Kalkaska County, Mich., from injuries he received in a snowmobile accident.

Mr. Richcreek was a lifetime Kosciusko County area resident and graduated in 1982 from Warsaw Community High School.

He was a farmer and formerly employed at Ameri-Camp in Syracuse.

Mr. Richcreek was a member of the Sons of American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.

He was born April 26, 1965, in Columbia City to Larry R. and Sarah S. (Shoemaker) Richcreek.

Surviving are his mother, Sarah Richcreek of Cromwell; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Thomas and Debbie Richcreek of Leesburg, Randall Richcreek of Syracuse and Daniel and Lori Richcreek of Leesburg; his longtime companion, Sally Meade of Syracuse; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with the Rev. Jeff Boyer of North Webster Church of God officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Mock Addition at North Webster Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Memorial are to the family.

To send condolences to the family, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

James Mault's funeral held Monday in Albion

WAWAKA — Funeral services were held Monday for James "Jim" W. Mault, 67, of Wawaka, who died unexpectedly Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Mault was a self-employed farmer and carpet installer working with L&M Flooring in Wawaka.

He was a 1958 graduate of Wawaka High School and a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean conflict.

He loved baseball and coached for 13 years. He was a history buff and also loved spending time with his family, especially his grandsons. He was a fisherman, hunter and bird watcher. He loved guns and shooting. He also enjoyed reading, was very devoted to his country and very patriotic. Mr. Mault also loved working with his dogs, gardening and flowers.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he was a member of St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City. He also belonged to the National Rifle Association, Pheasants Forever, Ligonier Rotary Club and Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

He was born May 15, 1940, at the family farm in Wawaka to Walter and Freda (Teders) Mault. He married Darlene Demske on June 7, 1969, at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son, Jeff Mault of Wawaka and his fiancee, Abbey Lortie of Kimmell; and daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Joe McGrath of Fort Wayne; his mother-in-law, Loretta Demske of Wolcottville; two grandsons, Jacob and Josh McGrath; two brothers, Max Mault of Goshen and John Mault of Wolcottville; two sisters, Margaret DeLucenay of Middlebury and Eilene Messner of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bob Mault; and two half brothers, Wayne and Dick Mault.

Services were Monday morning at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial was at St. Gaspar's Catholic Cemetery with military graveside services by members of Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Calling was Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Memorials are to Masses to the church or to the Wawaka High School Alumni.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Steven Collet buried with military honors

Mr. Collet

BEEBE, Ark. — Former Ligonier resident Steven Lee Collet, 48, of Beebe, Ark., died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008.

He was a graduate of West Noble High School and later received his Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics.

He retired as a chief master sergeant from the United States Air Force and also was a veteran of the Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm and Panama conflict.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1959, to Raymond and Joyce Collet of Ligonier. They survive.

He married Sandra Kwiatkowski on Aug. 31, 1985. She survives along with their two children, Sean and Samantha, all from Beebe, Ark.

Also surviving are three brothers, Stan of Ligonier, Stewart of Huntington and Bruce of Alexandria, Va.

Services were held Feb. 26, in Beebe, with military honors. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials may be made to UAMS Carti, 4130 Shuffield Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72205.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse was in charge of arrangements.

Killer gets 100-year sentence

ALBION — A Waterloo man sentenced to 100 years in prison for murder and eight other charges had a problem with authority as a young man, his stepfather said Tuesday in Noble Superior Court I.

That problem led to the murder of Patrick Biddle of Kendallville, Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said. "He has his own justice system and he will inflict it as he sees fit."

Charles William Chorpenning, 28, formerly of Kendallville and Albion, made a rambling statement consisting mainly of disconnected phrases when asked if he had anything to say before he was sentenced, ending with, "I am sorry."

Chorpenning was sentenced after pleading guilty Dec. 4, 2007, to murder, a felony; seven other felony charges; and being a habitual felon, a sentence enhancer.

Tuesday's hearing was moved into the Circuit Courtroom because of the number of people in the gallery. Most were family members or friends of either Chorpenning or his victim.

Chorpenning admitted during a guilty plea hearing Dec. 4, 2007, that he had murdered Biddle in Biddle's residence in the 600 block of Berry Lane, Kendallville, on March 5, 2007.

Chorpenning's stepfather, Carl Cook of Waterloo, said Chorpenning was a good kid with some authority issues while growing up, but acknowledged under cross-examination by Clouse that Chorpenning's juvenile criminal record began during those years.

Also under cross-examination, Cook said he had confronted Chorpenning in early March 2007 when he suspected his stepson had been involved in Biddle's murder.

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Josephine Surber

LAGRANGE — Josephine Surber, 82, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at her residence.

She moved to the LaGrange community from Detroit, Mich., in 1958. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Surber was born Feb. 25, 1926, in Kettle Island, Ky., to Allen and Birdie (Hendrickson) Brock. She married Carlie F. Surber on March 2, 1952, in Napoleon, Ohio. He died Sept. 9, 2007.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Surber and Karen Surber, both of LaGrange; and a sister, Gertrude Coryell, of Hawkinsville, Ga.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the LaGrange Baptist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

Neil Simon

KENDALVILLE — Neil Kenneth Simon, 74, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Simon had previously worked in the lumber business and at one time was part owner of C&S Lumber in Avilla.

After moving to Texas, he worked with his nephew, Jack, in the swimming pool business.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1951 and served in the United States Army.

Mr. Simon liked to read Westerns and detective novels.

He was born on April 11, 1933, in LaOtto to Kenneth Franklin and Lilah Belle (Smith) Simon.

Surviving are a sister, Marilyn June Mitchell of Richardson, Texas; two nieces, Diana Lynn Boyd and Janet Sue Overly, both of Richardson; a nephew and his wife, Jack and Margaret Overly of Whitehurst, Texas; a great-niece and her husband, Mauri Lilah and Fabio Sambo of Italy; a great-nephew, Christopher Charles Overly of McKinney, Texas; and a great-great-niece, Samantha Lucia Sambo of taly.

He was preceded in death by parents and brother, Keith Allen Simon.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Huntertown Cemetery in Huntertown with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Max Eggleston

COLDWATER, Mich. — Max R. Eggleston, 84, of Coldwater, Mich., died March 1, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

He was employed at the former State Home and Training School for 30 years, he had also been a landscaper at Southern Michigan Bank for 25 years.

He loved gardening, animals, dancing and helping others.

He was born Dec. 20, 1923, in Coldwater to Lane and Lona (Dygert) Eggleston.

Surviving are one son, Gary Eggleston; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Serry and Craig Gaff, Penny and Pat Tappenden, all of Coldwater and Linda Fick of Colo.; five grandchildren, Joshua Eggleston, Elisabeth Eggleston, Trisha Tappenden, Marcus Fick, Nolan and Audrey Tappenden; one great-granddaughter, Alya Eggleston; and a sister, Marilyn Griffin of Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Lewis Griffin; a nephew, Terry Griffin; a granddaughter, Jessica Tripp; and a great-grandchild, Gabrial Tripp.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Putnam Funeral Home in Coldwater with Pastor David Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at the Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Putnam Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice of charity or to the family.

Condolences may be sent online at www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

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Eileen Smith

HAMILTON — Eileen Marie Smith, 84, of Hamilton died on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at her winter residence in Dover, Fla.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith was salutatorian of her graduating class at Edon High School. She went on to earn an associate's degree from Tri-State College in Angola.

A homemaker who was an avid gardener and quilter, Mrs. Smith was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Blakeslee, Ohio, the Rosary Altar Society and the Farm Bureau. She worked as a teller at Edon State Bank in Edon, Ohio, and as a clerk at Sears in Bryan, Ohio.

She was born March 22, 1923, near Edon, Ohio, to Clarence and Laoma (Kelble) Siebenaler.

She married Ted A. Smith on May 6, 1944, in Blakeslee, Ohio. He died Oct. 22, 2006.

Surviving four sons and daughters-in-law, Gary Smith of Delroy, Ohio, Kathy Smith of Canton, Ohio, Alan and Mary Lynn Smith, of Alexandria, Va., Dana and Linda Smith of Auburn, Ill., and Lynn and Karen Smith, of Franklin, Tenn.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Ed Morr of Edon, Ohio, and Maryann and Perry Asuncion of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Gerry and Lee Siebanaler of Bryan, Ohio; and two sisters-in-law, Honey Moore of Montpelier, Ohio, and LeAnn Siebenaler of Bryan, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Elliott Biehl, and four brothers, Lavon, Anthony, Lamar, and Clair Siebenaler.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church at Blakeslee, with Father Stephen Schroeder and Father Fred Duschl officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at Blakeslee.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m in Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon, Ohio, with recitation of the rosary to follow at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Blakeslee.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Lawrence Lewis

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Lawrence D. "Bud" Lewis, 72, of Surprise, Ariz., died Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

He was born Dec. 22, 1935, to Lawrence L. and Florence G. Lewis in Boone County, Ind.

Mr. Lewis was a plant engineer for 27 years before his retirement at Dow Chemical. He also was an engineering manager for Glaxo until his second retirement in 1995.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty; a daughter and a son-in-law, Arden and Ed Larouere; a sister, Shirley Carmichael; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Sunland Mortuary, Lakeside Chapel, 15826 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, Ariz.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Richard Knotts

HARLAN — Richard P. Knotts, 68, of Harlan and formerly of Churubusco died at 11:24 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008, at his home with his family at his side.

Among his survivors are his wife, Jeannine (Durnbaugh) Knotts; and three daughters, Molly Rennaker of Harlan and Meegan Siegwarth and Dinah Keeterle, both of Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Send condolences to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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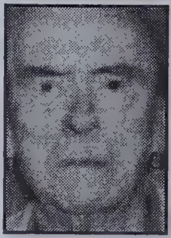
Lyle Reiff

FREMONT — Lyle Eugene Reiff, 92, of Lake George died Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.


Mr. Reiff

Mr. Reiff had been a pharmacist before retiring. A graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne and Purdue University, he had his own pharmacy for many years in Fort Wayne, where he used to reside. He then worked at Hook's Drugs in LaGrange and Angola.

He moved to Lake George in 1973, realizing a longtime dream. He enjoyed water sports and watching his children and grandchildren having fun at the lake. In earlier years, he was active at Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel. He had an interest in ice skating and was a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Association and a skating judge for many years.

He was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Worley and Grace (Dufour) Reiff. He married Wilma Edna Bleke, who preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dianne and Joe Clendenin of Santa Rosa, Calif., Jody Dubois of Fort Wayne and Connie and Roger Parrott Coldsnow of Fairway, Kan.; one son, Lyle Reiff of Fremont; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and one brother, Glenn Reiff.

At Mr. Reiff's request, no services will be held. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Breeden YMCA in Angola or the YMCA DeKalb County in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Jerry Waller

ANGOLA — Jerry L. Waller, 62, Angola, died at 9:29 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Waller was an Army veteran from the Vietnam War.

Mr. Waller

He retired from Simpson Industries in Fremont after 35 years.

He was an avid golfer and motorcycle rider who loved his family very much. He was a member of Orland Legion No. 423, U.A.W., Abate of Steuben County and Zollner Golf Course.

He was born Aug. 18, 1945, in Hudson to Gerald C. and Lela (Simmons) Waller.

Surviving are his former wife, Dolores Burch of Coldwater, Mich.; one son, Tim Waller, and one daughter, Jenny Waller, both of Angola; and a sister, Betty Landis of Riverside, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susie, in 1970; a brother, Robert Waller; and a sister, Mabel Noragon.

Graveside services conducted by American Legion Post No. 413 and burial will be at 2 p.m. on March 16 at Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

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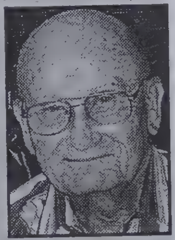
Wilbur Pfierman

AUBURN — Wilbur J. Pfierman, 83, of Auburn died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.


Mr. Pfierman

Mr. Pfierman worked for Fruehauf Trailer in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1987 after 37 1/2 years. He also farmed all his life.

He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and IOOF Lodge 180 of Angola.

He was born Nov. 30, 1924, in Auburn to Ernest and Bessie (Reasner) Pfierman, who preceded him in death.

He married Wilma Krebs on June 25, 1949, in Simpson Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, Jack Pfierman of Auburn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the church or American Diabetes Association.

Vivian Marks

LAGRANGE — Vivian E. Marks, 90, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 6, 2008, of natural causes at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Marks

Mrs. Marks was a homemaker her whole life. Along with being a homemaker, she enjoyed crossword puzzles, sewing and flowers.

She was born Oct. 5, 1917, in LaGrange County to Virgil and Eva (Rossman) Marks.

She married Richard D. Marks on Sept. 30, 1944, in LaGrange. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Marks Jr. of LaGrange and Maurice Marks of Brown County; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and John "Bud" Hopper of LaGrange; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Hilda Baird of LaGrange, Carol and Richard Wagner of Huntertown, and Mildred Zollman of Olympia, Wash.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Kenneth Marks of Auburn and Wayne and Gloria Marks of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Keith Marks.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol of LaGrange First Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of donor's choice.

Condolences may sent to the family at carneyfrost@earthlink.net

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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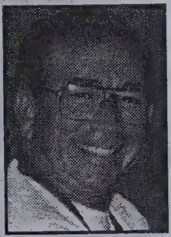
Richard Knotts

HARLAN — Richard P. Knotts, 68, of Harlan and formerly of rural Churubusco died at 11:24 a.m. at his home surrounded by his family. He had been fighting cancer since November.


Mr. Knotts

Mr. Knotts was employed at CSR Masolite in For Wayne for more than 37 years and retired as its sales manager of the concrete block division in 2004. He was well-known by architects throughout northeast Indiana for his knowledge of concrete masonry products.

Following his retirement, he and his wife, Jeannine, lived in Florida for a period before moving to Harlan in 2004. After returning to Indiana, he owned and operated Rich's Rides, a transportation service for the Amish community.

He graduated from Wabash High School in 1957 and as a young man he served in Germany with the U.S. Army.

Mr. Knotts was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church. He was a member of the National Concrete Masonry Association, was past president of Indiana Concrete Masonry Association, past treasurer of the Fort Wayne Chapter of Concrete Specified's Institute, and was a member of the program committee of the Building Contractor's Association.

He loved bird watching, nature and playing golf. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and as being a loving and supportive husband and father.

He was born Nov. 26, 1939, in Wabash to Ralph and Dorothy (Black) Knotts. He married Jeannine Durnbaugh in Wabash on Nov. 21, 1965. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Molly Rennaker of Harlan, and Meegan and Mark Siegwarth and Dinah and Michael Keeterle, all of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Lindal Knotts of Clermont, Fla.; a sister, Sandra Black Haneline of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Donovan Rennaker, Lauren Siegwarth and Ryan Siegwarth; and two stepgrandchildren, Shane Keeterle and Sarah Keeterle.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Phyllis Lombard.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastors Christine Newman-Jacobs and Lamar Imes officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723 or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Etta White

SCHERERVILLE — Etta Mae (Barton) White, 94, of Schererville died Thursday, March 6, 2008.

She was employed at Inland Steel Co. for 35 years and was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

She married Cecil White. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Jim Sons, Charlene and Charles Reid and Linda and Doug Mills; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 8178 Cline Ave., one mile south of U.S. 30, Schererville. Burial will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be 1 p.m. until the time of services on Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to Noble House, 205 E. Highland, Albion, IN 46701.

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Harry Fleming

ANGOLA — Harry Marcus Fleming, 93, of Fox Lake near Angola died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

He was owner and operator of the Mar-Fran Motel, Fox Lake.

He was a member of the Eastern Star Baptist Church of Indianapolis and New Asia Baptist Church of Herndon, Ky.

He was born March 13, 1914, in Christian County, Ky., to Harry and Carolyn (Bagwell) Fleming.

He married Vivian Blackburn on Jan. 2, 1991. She survives at Fox Lake. His first wife, Mary Frances Fleming, preceded him in death in 1987.

Surviving are a son, Robert Brodie of Nashville, Tenn.; two daughters, Jacquelyn Cummins and Wanda Rasdall, both of Indianapolis; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his first wife and parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Services will be at a later date at Eastern Star Baptist Church, Indianapolis, with arrangements by Lavena-Smith and Summers Funeral Home, Indianapolis. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials may be directed to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Delores Smith

AUBURN — Delores "Jeanie" Smith, 85, of Auburn died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Smith lived most of her life in and around New Castle, with the exception of 11 years in Clearwater, Fla., and the past 15 years in Auburn.

She was a graduate of Ball State University in Muncie.

She was director of dietary at Henry County Memorial Hospital, New Castle, for 31 years.

She was a member of South Memorial Church in New Castle and Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She belonged to Eastern Star Lodge 116 of New Castle and Eastern Star Lodge 196 of Tampa, Fla.

She was a member of Rose City Home Economics Club and Karing-Teenagers, both of New Castle.

She was born May 12, 1922, in New Castle to Milford F. and Rina R. (Cochran) Good. They are both deceased.

She was also preceded in death by her two husbands, Charles E.. Johnson and Beecher G. Smith.

Surviving are a daughter, Tammara Jean Yingst of Muncie; two daughters-in-law, Charlotte Johnson Jackson of Knightstown and Linda Johnson of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Minnie Dudley of New Castle.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Bob Johnson and Jim Johnson; two brothers, George Good and Marvin Good; and one sister, Chelcie O'Brien.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ray Warner officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in South Mound Cemetery, New Castle.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Indian Village Church of God or Eastern Star Lodge 116 of New Castle.

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Brilliant, kind, excited about life

Dr. Frank Cyran left his mark on northeast Indiana community

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Dr. Francis "Frank" Cyran is surrounded by his children during a summer boat outing. Clockwise from top left are Michael, Libby, Frank, Kate, Hannah and Jake.

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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WATERLOO — Dr. Francis "Frank" Cyran had the rare ability to instantly connect with people and make them feel "as if they mattered."

Cyran always had time to listen — to patients, friends, family and strangers. Those who came in contact with Cyran were captured by his brilliance, inspired by his enthusiasm for life and touched by his spirit of generosity.

Dr. Cyran

Cyran — a psychiatrist who worked at the Northeastern Center for 21 years and was director of the regional mental health center's inpatient hospital in Auburn — died in a one-vehicle accident Feb. 6 on C.R. 27 near his home in rural Waterloo. He was 55.

His tragic death shocked all who had worked with him — including medical and mental health professionals, officials in the judicial system, patients and co-workers.

Although Cyran was born in Cherry Point, N.C., his father and mother, Frank and Jean Cyran, moved when he was young, and settled in West Virginia to raise their eight children — Frank, Deb, Mark, Eric, Amy, Marcia, Adam and Alan.

"We were a very close-knit family," said Cyran's sister, Deb Cyran of Vienna, W.Va.

Their dad worked for Union Carbide, and the family was forever changed when he was killed by a drunk driver in 1969. Frank Cyran was 16 at the time.

"We were more serious after that," Deb said. "Frank was still very funny, but there was a serious side to him that was created when our dad died."

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CYRAN: *An avid outdoorsman, he feared nothing*

"Frank was always by my side, looking out for me," said Deb, who was 18 months younger than her older brother.

"He was so funny. I remember when I first figured out how funny Frank was. I was about 12. I found myself wondering if mom and dad knew" how funny Frank was, Deb said.

His family soon discovered that Frank was not only funny, but brilliant. Once, when Cryan was in high school, circumstances caused him to step in for his teacher. He ended up teaching the physics class to his peers. He was a humble man and almost never mentioned that he was valedictorian of his class and an all-state basketball award winner.

"All of the girls had a crush on him," Deb remembers. "He was so smart and nice to everyone he met."

Frank Cyran served as a major in the U.S. Air Force from June 1979 until June 1987 and received his schooling in psychiatry while in the service. It was during an era when military records regarding medical or mental illness were open books. Cyran became an advocate for patient confidentiality and was interviewed by Diane Sawyer for the "20/20" news show.

Terri Christ, area director of the DeKalb branch of the Northeastern Center, worked with Cyran for 13 years.

He was funny, very well-liked by both patients and co-workers and always had a smile, Christ said.

"His door was always open, and he was very creative at coming up with solutions that the rest of us had not thought of," Christ said.

"He was very approachable and will be deeply missed," she said. "He was extremely knowledgeable and a team player, always open to talking with staff. He had a large caseload, but was able to multi-task and did it very well."

Patients who attended Cyran's funeral said they considered him just as much a friend as their doctor. Patients' comments after his death were testimony to the doctor's caring attitude. Christ said they included: "He always took the time to listen to us;" "I've seen a lot of doctors, but no one got it right until Dr. Cyran;" "He always took time to listen to us;" and "He gave me my life back."

"What I loved about my brother was the way his eyes popped when he was talking to someone," Deb Cyran said. "He was always so excited about life and really cared about what people had to say."

Cyran married Susan Smith Cobbs on Dec. 6, 2004, at Wing Haven Nature Preserve near Angola, and they had a stepdaughter, Jordan Cobbs. He had five children with his first wife, Linda Cyran — Kate, Libby, Michael, Jake and Hannah.

Jake will graduate from DeKalb High School this spring and plans to major in biology in preparation for medical school. Kate is a pediatric neurologist in Memphis, Tenn., and Libby is a registered nurse in Indianapolis. Michael is a post-graduate student in chiropractic medicine in Houston, Texas, but has just switched paths and will go to medical school. Hannah is still at home.

"My dad was amazing," said Michael Cyran. "I am extremely saddened by his death, but feel blessed to have had this man for my father for 23 years."

"The reason he was so successful is that he judged no one," Michael Cyran said.

In his work, Dr. Cyran's high success rate with treating schizophrenia patients was well-known, according to Michael.

"Any fears we had, dad was able to help us conquer them," he said. "He took us surf kayaking, shark fishing and rock and mountain climbing. He was an avid outdoorsman and was scared of nothing."

Just a few hours before Frank Cyran would be killed in a car accident, he called his son, Michael, in Houston and they talked for more than an hour.

"It was almost like we knew it was our last conversation," Michael Cyran said. "It was no doubt directed by a greater power. I told him how lucky I was to have a dad like him. He told me that his kids were a source of great pride and his biggest joy in life. And, we both cried."

There are lots of photos of Frank Cyran with family and friends and all, Michael said, have one thing in common: "My dad's obvious excitement about everyone and everything around him."

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Amy Reger

SOUTH MILFORD — Amy Michelle Reger, 28, of South Milford died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

Mrs. Reger was employed as an LPN at Wesley Health Care in Auburn. She previously was employed at the Budd Co. in Kendallville, Life Care in LaGrange and Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Reger

A 1997 graduate of East Noble High School, she earned her nursing degree in 2007 from Brown Mackie College in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Whitesburg, Ky., on Dec. 3, 1979, to Carlo Pennington and Diane (Adams) Fogerdy.

She married Mike Reger on April 6, 2002, in Kendallville. He survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are her father, Carlo Pennington of Kentucky; her mother, Diane Fogerdy of Big Stone Gap, Va.; two sons, Gabriel Michael Reger and Jacob Cole Reger, and one daughter, Claudia Diane Reger, all at home; two brothers, Keith Scott Pennington and Chad Duff, both of Kentucky; two sisters, Denise Duff of Kentucky and Brittany Fogerdy of Big Stone Gap, Va.; one grandmother, Mary Baily of Kentucky and her godparents, Nicholas and Francis Perry of Kentucky.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Amercian Cancer Society or the family.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Becky Blowers

WOLCOTTVILLE — Becky Mae Blowers, 83, of Wolcottville died Friday, March 7, 2008, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Saturday.

Mrs. Blowers was a homemaker and had lived at the same Wolcottville address for 56 years. During World War II, she served as a medical technician in the WAC's. She was very proud to be a veteran and an American.

Mrs. Blowers

She was born March 28, 1924, in Pine Mountain, Ky., to Oscar and Mallie (Huff) Begley.

On Jan. 27, 1951, she married Roscoe F. Blowers in Angola. He died March 10, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and Raymond Dobson of Millersburg, Paula Blowers of Wolcottville, and Anne and Randall D. Anderson of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Roscoe Dobson, Angela Anderson, and Jared Blowers; a special granddaughter, Pamela Krotzer and her children, Kyle and Mallie; eight great-grandchildren, Ryan Dobson, Jordan Dobson, Justin Dobson, Ashley Dobson, Nicholas Norris, Angelica Bueley, Phoenix Anderson, and Lukis Anderson; two sisters, Arlena Scearce of Loyall, Ky. and Louise Huff of Tennessee; and one brother, Robert Begley of West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Elizabeth Begley; two brothers, Chester Begley and Turner Begley; and a grandson, Ricky Dobson.

There will be no services.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Nettie Schott

KENDALLVILLE — Nettie Casper Schott, 95, died Friday, March 7, 2008, at Swiss Village in Berne.

Mrs. Schott

A former Kendallville resident for 25 years, she was a clerk with Koerber & Baber Jewelry for 15 years.

She graduated from Plainfield High School. She was a Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star and Worthy High Priestess of White Shrine, a member of Daughters of the Nile and St. Mark Lutheran Church in Albion. She had attended St. Joseph United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and loved playing golf and bridge.

She was born in Plainfield to Shelton Myles and Bertha Lee Crowe Larison.

Surviving are a brother, Orville Larison of Dayton, Ohio, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Charles Casper, in 1964; second husband, Robert T. Schott in 2002; two sisters, Marie Smith and Ethel Davis, and three brothers, David Larison, Truman Larison and Irvine "Jake" Larison.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home with the Rev. Russ Abel officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Anna Long

CHURUBUSCO — Anna Lynn Long, an infant, was stillborn Wednesday, March 5, 2008, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are her mother, Josie M. Long of Churubusco; father, Henry Gibson of Garrett; grandparents Douglas and Margie Long of Churubusco and Art and Sally Gibson of Waterloo; maternal great-grandmother Pat Buckler of Marion; aunt and uncle Joy and Richard Justice of Fort Wayne; uncle Douglas Long Jr. of Garrett and many great-aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Eel River Baptist Church on Carroll Road with Pastor Kerry L. Niman officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be in the church on Monday from noon until 2 p.m.

Kathleen Hawk

COLDWATER, Mich. — Kathleen Ellen Hawk, 54, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, March 1, 2008, in Valdosta, Ga.

Mrs. Hawk

She was a registered nurse at Gentiva Visiting Nurse Service in Jackson, Mich. She had been head E.R. nurse at Coldwater Hospital for 13 years.

She was a member of the Coldwater Eagles. She enjoyed gardening and being at the lake and spending time with family and friends. She loved her dogs.

She was born March 21, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Robert Ray and Patricia O'Connor Hawk. They survive in Longmont, Colo.

Also surviving are her companion, Terry Douglas of Coldwater; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Deb and Frank Ianucilli of Longmont, Colo., Sue and Lynn Delagrange and Lisa Kessler, all of Fort Wayne; four nieces and nephews and special family, Richard and JoAnne Dodge of Pleasant Lake.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association and Steuben County Cancer Society.

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Richard Knotts

HARLAN — Richard P. Knotts, 68, formerly of Churubusco and recently of Harlan, died at 11:24 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008, at his residence following a fight with cancer.

Mr. Knotts was employed at CSR Masolite in Fort Wayne for over 37 years before retiring in 2004 from a position as sales manager of the concrete block division. He owned and operated Rich's Rides, a transportation service for the Amish.

A graduate of Wabash High School, Mr. Knotts served in Germany in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, the National Concrete Masonry Association, of which he was a former president, the program committee of the Building Contractors Association, the Fort Wayne Southside Optimist Club and the Fort Wayne Chapter of the Concrete Specifier's Institute, where he had been the treasurer in the past. He enjoyed bird watching and all of nature, loved golf and had a wonderful sense of humor.

He was born Nov. 26, 1939, in Wabash to Ralph and Dorothy (Black) Knotts.

He married Jeannine Durnbaugh in Wabash on Nov. 21, 1965. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Molly Rennaker of Harlan and Meegan, Mark and Dinah Siegwarth and Michael Keeterle, all of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Lindal Knotts of Clermont, Fla.; a sister, Sandra Black Haneline of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Donovan Rennaker, Lauren Siegwarth and Ryan Siegwarth; and two stepgrandchildren, Shane Keeterle and Sarah Keeterle.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis Lombard.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastors Christine Newman-Jacobs and Lamar Imes officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online at www.sheetsand-childs.net.

D. Jane Coler

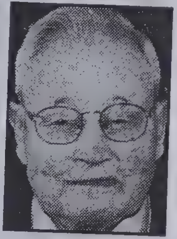
ANGOLA — D. Jane Coler, 83, of Angola died Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Harley Yoder

LAGRANGE — Harley D. Yoder, 100, of LaGrange died at 6 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Yoder was a farmer. He was a member of Emma Mennonite Church, where he served as trustee for many years. He also volunteered many years at the Mennonite Relief Sale and for Mennonite Central Committee doing meat canning and other projects.


Mr. Yoder

He was born Nov. 14, 1907, at his current home in LaGrange to Daniel V. Yoder and Fanny (Yoder) Yoder.

On Feb. 14, 1931, in Middlebury he married Letha Nancy Pletcher. She died May 28, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Eugene and Catherine Yoder of Shipshewana and Dean Jay and Linda Yoder of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis Maxine and John Weaver of Goshen; 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mabel Miller and Violetta Mishler; three brothers, Albert, Elva and Leo Yoder; and a daughter-in-law, Lois Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Emma Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Emma Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to the Mennonite Central Committee or Emma Mennonite Church.

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Lawrence Walsh

GOSHEN — Lawrence "Tubby" Adam Walsh, 78, of Goshen died at 12:50 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital following an extended illness.

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Walsh was a cabinet maker. He retired from Coachman Industries after working there for 27 years.

He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Goshen, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205 and American Legion Post 31 in Angola. A graduate of Flint School in Angola, he enjoyed fishing and made many miniature wooden toys.

He was born Jan. 20, 1930, in Noble County to Olen and Helen (Treesh) Walsh.

He married N. Joan Strauss on March 16, 1966, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are a niece, Patricia Dennis of Mount Washington, Ky. and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Joan Walsh of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard Walsh, who was killed in World War II, and Floyd E. Walsh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Goshen with the Rev. Tim Terrell and the Rev. Richard Dunning officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Flint Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home and 10-11 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, American Heart Association or The American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online at www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Mary McCrea

EDON, Ohio — Mary E. McCrea, 88, of Edon, Ohio, died Friday, March 7, 2008, at Hillside Country Living in Montpelier, Ohio, where she was a resident.

Mrs. McCrea

A 1937 graduate of Edon High School, Mrs. McCrea was a homemaker and a member of Mount Union Christian Union Church and C.U.W.F. Ladies Missionary Society.

She was born Oct. 15, 1919, in Angola to Ralph Ashley and Hazel Imo (Tuttle) Bowles.

She married Homer E. McCrea on Sept. 4, 1938, in Liberty Center, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are her children and their spouses, Homer Eugene and Ilene McCrea of Edon, Dianna Marie and Ronnie Miller of Stockbridge, Mich., Cecelia Kay and William Ashley of Phoenix, Ariz., Madalyn Dee McCrea of Edon, Richard Lee and Judy McCrea of Maryville, Tenn., Ronald Dwight and Mary Jane McCrea of West Unity, Ohio, and Bradley Allen and Cathy McCrea of Edon; 18 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Dean Bowles of Edon and William Thomas Bowles of Sun City, Ariz., and one sister, Marjorie Ellen Hake of Phoenix.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, Ohio. Pastors Glen Prine and Byron Adams will officiate. Burial will follow in Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be in the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to Mount Union Christian Union Church or to The Gideons.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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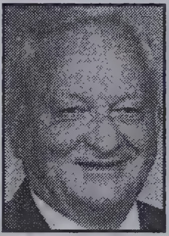
Bateman Middlebrooks


Mr. Middlebrooks

TOPEKA — Bateman B. Middlebrooks, 79, of Topeka died at 9:13 p.m. Friday March 7, 2008, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

He worked as a materials manager in the manufactured housing industry for more than 50 years.

Mr. Middlebrooks was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church. He served his country in the Army during the Korean conflict, was a charter member of the Topeka Lions Club and enjoyed successfully growing cotton against seasonal odds.

He was born Nov. 28, 1928, to Clyde O. and Rose Ann (Clower) Middlebrooks in Dickens, Texas.

He married Marcia Gilbert on Aug. 20, 1950. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Clyda and Ron Thurman of Orem, Utah, Jeana and Art Bristow of Longview, Texas, and Nona and Gary Yoder of Topeka; 22 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Faye Middlebrooks of Texas; and his mother-in-law, Elsie Thacker of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Topeka United Methodist Church with Pastors Diana Siegel and Robert Wyman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka with full military honors.

Calling will be at the church today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to The Cemetery Fund in care of Topeka United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishler-funeralhomes.com.

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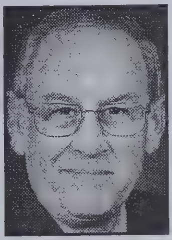
Larry Lantz

AUBURN — Larry D. Lantz, 72, of Auburn died Friday, March 7, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Lantz

Mr. Lantz was employed with Dana Corp. starting in 1959 and retiring from the Lima, Ohio, plant in 1994.

He was a 1953 Garrett High School graduate. His memberships include St. Mark's Lutheran Church and 35 years with the Auburn Kiwanis Club.

He was born April 22, 1935, in Garrett to Clarence and Dorothy (Roach) Lantz.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Judith Lantz of Auburn; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Michael Lantz of Indianapolis, Roger and Diana Lantz of Fort Wayne, Ronald and Christina Lantz of Indianapolis, and Donald and Elaine Lantz of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Kelly, Mark, Tyler, Matthew, Ryan, Janelle, Alex, Jordan, and Holly; a brother, Lawrence Lantz of Garrett; and six nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Stephen K. Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Auburn Kiwanis Club, St. Mark's Lutheran Church or the Dekalb County Humane Society.

Junior Smith

MIDDLEBURY — Junior Paul Smith, 86, of Middlebury died at 5:23 p.m. Sunday, March 9, 2008, at Maples at Waterford Crossing in Goshen.

He was born Sept. 12, 1921, in Goshen to John and Alice (Bowman) Smith, who both preceded him in death.

Mr. Smith had worked at Goshen Rubber, the old Texaco service station in Goshen and later as a security guard in Elkhart.

He was an Army veteran serving in both World War II and the Korean conflict.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Candi and Randy Troyer of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Jackie Smith of Fort Pierce, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Ginger Stoddard of White Pigeon, Mich.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Bettye and George Marner of Goshen; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Smith of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Enbreght officiating. Military services will be conducted by American Legion Post 210. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery at Goshen at a later date.

Calling will be 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Jane Sordelet

FORT WAYNE — Jane Sordelet, 78, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 8, 2007, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Sordelet

Mrs. Sordelet was a homemaker and a cosmetics consultant for 20 years.

She was born in Montpelier and was a Fort Wayne resident for most of her life.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Women's Aglow and Children of the Resurrection Prayer Group. She served as a Eucharist minister.

Surviving are four sons, Randall and Denise Sordelet of Leo, Kevin and Debbie Sordelet and Matthew and Mary Sordelet, all of Fort Wayne, and Martin and Becky Sordelet of Avilla; three daughters, Jalaine and Hilary Chavez of Clinton, Mich., Melinda and Dave Windsor of Fort Wayne and Janeen and Kerry Schultz of Columbia City; two brothers, Kenneth VanEmon of Fishers and Elwin VanEmon of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Theora Elberson of Fort Wayne and Janice Hubert of St. Louis, Mo.; 33 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Sordelet in 2006.

Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1507 E. Wallen Road.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a vigil at 4 p.m. and a rosary at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials to Allen County Right to Life Committee or to Aging and In-Home Services.

THE NEWS SUN
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Jane Coler

ANGOLA — Jane Coler, 83, of Angola and formerly of Orland died Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Coler

Mrs. Coler was food service director at Prairie Heights School Corp. for 24 years before retiring in 1982.

She attended Angola High School and graduated from Orland High School. She was a member of Orland Congregational Church. She enjoyed cooking and playing cards.

She was born Sept. 12, 1924, in Steuben County to Kenneth and Ava (Hanson) Sellers. Both preceded her in death. She married David A. Coler on Oct. 27, 1951, in South Bend. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Larry Penix of Angola, and Sandra and Robert Molter of Orland; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Roland and Shirley Coler and Jim and Leslie Coler, all of Angola, Jerry Coler of Hudson, and Greg and Marilyn Ferris of Tallahassee, Fla., 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a stepmother, Gladys (Schutt) Sellers; two brothers, Don and Joe Sellers; and a daughter-in-law, Carol Coler.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Orland Congregational Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Myron Ress

WATERLOO — Myron Bruce Ress, 65, died Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

He formerly worked as a security guard at Guardian Industries.

He was born June 9, 1942, to Victor and Essie Ress.

A daughter, Kathy Judd, survives.

No services are planned at this time.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

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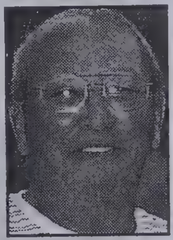
Franklin Sturgis

WOLCOTTVILLE — Franklin L. "Frank" Sturgis, 72, of Wolcottville died Sunday, March 9, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Sturgis

Mr. Sturgis had lived in LaGrange and Noble counties his entire life.

He retired in 1998 from Kraft Foods in Kendallville after 36 years of service.

Mr. Sturgis was a veteran who served in the United States Air Force.

He was a member of Wolcottville American Legion Post 10 and Kendallville VFW Post 2749 and a former member of the Wolcottville Lions Club.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1935, in LaGrange County to Lyston L. and Genevieve (Hunter) Sturgis. He married Natalie Neff on May 8, 1999, in Wolcottville. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nikki Barker of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Kira Sturgis of Churubusco; a stepdaughter and her husband, Christine and Todd Aldrich of Fort Meade, Md.; a stepson and his wife, Gordon and Tammy Wells of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Larry Gotshall of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Calvin Sturgis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery in Wolcottville with a military graveside service conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Darlene Williams

TUCSON, Ariz. — Darlene Bock Knight Williams, 70, of Tucson, Ariz., died Saturday, March 8, 2008, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Williams was a 1956 graduate of Garrett High School.

Surviving are her husband, Frank Williams of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Scott R. Knight of Arizona and Robert Knight of Colorado; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Bruce Bergeman of Florida; two sisters, Mary Lou Dibble of Auburn, and Sue Ann Taylor of Youngstown, Ohio; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond "Dutch" and Clarbel "Susie" Bock of Garrett, and a son, John Knight Jr.

There will be no services.

Mattie Raber

TOPEKA — Mattie Raber, 90, of Topeka died at 10 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2008, at her residence after an extended illness.

Mrs. Raber was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Reno County, Kan., to David and Lizzie Ann (Hostetler) Petersheim. She married Jacob Raber on Dec. 12, 1939, in Topeka. He died May 15, 1995.

Surviving are seven daughters and six sons-in-law, Wilma Schrock of Topeka, Clara and Melvin Kuhns of Kingston, Wis., Lydia and Omar Kuhns of Nappanee, and Katie and Levi Hochstetler, Esther and Edward Schmucker, Mattie and Levi Miller of Middlebury and Anna and David Bontrager of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Perry and Lizzie Ann Raber of LaGrange and Eli and Polly Raber of Topeka; 93 grandchildren; 266 great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Lizzie Ann Mullett; three grandchildren; three brothers; six sisters; and a son-in-law, Perry Schrock.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Monroe Raber residence, 8600 W. C.R. 300S, Topeka, with Bishop Ervin Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery near Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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Julie Voirol

CORUNNA — Julie A. Voirol, 46, of Corunna died Sunday, March 9, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Voirol

Mrs. Voirol was head custodian for Waterloo Elementary School and the DeKalb Central School Corp. for the past 13 years. She attended Victory Baptist Church in Waterloo and loved animals, grooming dogs and traveling.

She was born March 26, 1961, in Kendallville to Henry Stevens and Emma (Gamble) Harter. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are two daughters, Amanda Jo Faulkner of Indianapolis and Chandra Elise Voirol of Corunna; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda S. and Steve Coons of Auburn; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Calvin W. and Sandy Stevens of Garrett and Tim J. Stevens of Indianapolis.

She also was preceded in death by her stepfather, Joe Harter, and a sister, Rita D. Cox.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Mike Sassanella officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Chandra E. Voirol Education Fund, in care of ProFed, 506 N. Grandstaff Drive, Auburn.

Robert Burniston

BLUFFTON — Robert E. Burniston, 75, of Bluffton died Monday, March 10, 2008, at 2:38 a.m. in Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Burniston retired in 1996 after 30 years of service at Sterling Casting in Bluffton.

He was born Sept. 19, 1932, in Auburn to Earl R. and Margaret (McNary) Burniston. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty Shipley on June 13, 1988, in Bluffton, and she survives.

Also surviving are a stepson and his wife, Kevin and Carlene Knox of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Karen Thornburg of Bluffton; four stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ray and Janet Burniston of Fort Wayne and Walter Burniston of Auburn; and two sisters, Dorothy Contadellucci of Auburn and Ilo Fankhauser of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. S.R. 124, Bluffton. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mooseheart Fund.

Larry Forrest

FREMONT — Larry William Forrest, 60, of Fremont died Saturday, March 8, 2008, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Forrest was the retail management supervisor at Miller's Super Valu in LaGrange.

He graduated from Concord High School in Elkhart. He loved fishing and computers.

He was born April 5, 1947, in Elkhart to Edwin and Dorothy (Troyer) Forrest, who both preceded him in death. He married Barbara Barber on March 4, 1967. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, Ed Forrest of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Steven Cunningham of Hudson; and a sister, Eleanor Holderman of Elkhart.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Roger Warstler.

Services will be Thursday at 5 p.m. at Lake Missionary Church in Angola, with the Rev. Mike Cain officiating.

Calling will be three hours prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral home in Angola.

Robert Edwards

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert Edwards, 80, of Shriner Lake near Columbia City and formerly of Kendallville died unexpectedly Monday, March 10, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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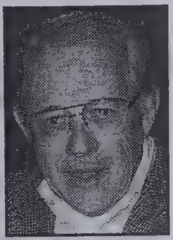
March 11, 2008, Tuesday

William Shenk

BOZMAN, Md. — William Everett Shenk, 68, of Bozman, Md., died Friday, March 7, 2008, at his home.


Mr. Shenk

After graduation from Garrett High School in 1957, he attended Indiana University. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1961 and attended the Army Language School in Monterey, Calif., becoming a Serbo-Croation linguist.

He was transferred to the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Md., until his honorable discharge in 1964. That same year, he was hired by United Airlines, where he served until his retirement in 1999 as a captain and flight check airman on Boeing 777s. His love of flying took him all over the United States and Europe.

During his retirement, he became involved with Easton Airport and was appointed to its board of directors. He served as president of the board until his death.

He enjoyed his sons, grandchildren, and daughters-in-law, flying his 1937 Luscombe, racing cars, riding his Harley, reading, fishing in Michigan and Texas, driving for Norris Ford, attending and watching Redskins games and playing golf with his friends at Hog Neck.

He was born May 10, 1939, at his family home in Garrett. His parents are Audra Frazier Shenk of Easton, Md., and the late Francis Edward Shenk.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 46 years, the former Sharon Claxton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles William and Kristin Shenk of Easton, and James Franklin and Noreen Shenk of Glen Rock, Pa.; six grandchildren, Georgia and Noah Shenk, Jacob and Kyle Shenk, and Hayley and Brenden Roman; and one sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Bob Zriny of Louisville, Ky.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Bozman United Methodist Church in Bozman, Md. Private inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery will follow at a later date.

Memorials are to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601 or Bozman United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 152, Bozman, MD 21612.

Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., of Easton, MD., is handling arrangements. Its Web site is www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Judith Miller

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Judith Ann Miller, 72, of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, in Labelle, Fla.

Mrs. Miller worked with her husband on their farm in Michigan. She also worked as a housekeeper and bus driver.

She enjoyed laughing with friends and family, cooking and working in her flower beds. She and her husband would winter at Turkey Creek in Labelle.

She was born Oct. 21, 1935, in Michigan to Ward and Mable (Withington) Chapin, who both preceded her in death. She married Charles Miller on Dec. 12, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

She is survived by five children, three spouses, and a friend, Mary Anne and Jim Van Kampen, Randy and Charity Miller, Kim and Jeff Ewers, Pam Miller, Chuck Miller and friend Alena, all of Montgomery; 12 grandchildren and three spouses, Heather and Rich Russell, Jim and Jeanine Van Kampen, Randy Ward Miller, Lyndsey and Tony Hayes, Ashley, Ryan, Tabatha, Preston, Taylor, Richelle, Angie, Jayna; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jane and Ned Snyder of Fremont, and Jean Hazlett of Pennsylvania.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Chester Miller, and a brother-in-law, Vern Hazlett.

Memorials are to the Montgomery Fire Department.

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Loren Record

FAIRMOUNT — Loren W. "Pete" Record, 86, of Fairmount died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Ball Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Record was a farmer and had worked for Sutter's Dairy. He had also been a bus driver and custodian for the Madison-Grant School System.

He was a graduate of Howard County High School and a member of the Swayzee Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Record was a member of Grant United Methodist Church.

He was born Jan. 11, 1922, in Kokomo to Carl Sr. and Edna (Ellis) Record and was raised by his stepmother, Edith Record. He married Mary Ruth Dawson on April 28, 1946, in Greentown. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Michael Woodward of Kendallville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Marjorie Record and Jack Record, all of Fairmount, and Phillip and Rosa Lea Record of Greentown; a former daughter-in-law, Linda Record of Fairmount; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Ruth Record of Minno, S.D., James "Pat" and Linda Record of Galveston and Leo "Red" and Gracie Record of Logansport; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Laurie and Dan Mucha, Kelly and Eric Elkins, Amy and Nate Scott, Shayne Record, Shawn and Shannon Record, Sara and Jordan Spaw, and Jill Woodward; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Landgrave, and a brother, Carl Record Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, with Dr. Constance Cherry officiating. Burial will be at Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grant United Methodist Church or the Grant County Humane Society.

On line condolences may be made at www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com.

Franklin Luther

KENDALLVILLE — Franklin W. Luther, 70, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Barbara Uhl

ALBION — Barbara Susannah Uhl, 93, of Granger and formerly of Albion died Monday, March 10, 2008, at 7 a.m. at Tanglewood Assisted Living in Mishawaka. She had been ill for two years.

She had moved to Granger in 1995 to be near her daughter.

Mrs. Uhl was a homemaker.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She spent her winters in Winter Haven, Fla., and while in Florida was a Sunday school teacher at several churches.

Mrs. Uhl spent most of her life in Noble County and was a 1932 graduate of Albion High School.

Mrs. Uhl enjoyed reading, poetry, crocheting and cooking.

She was born Nov. 10, 1914, in Miami County to Sidney E. and Mary (Mohler) Bryant. She married George E. Buckles in 1934. He died on June 7, 1951. She then married Frank W. Uhl in 1953. He died on July 20, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda (Buckles) Swinehart and her husband, Don Swinehart; three grandchildren, Perry Swinehart of Elkhart, Donita Clark of Elkhart and Scott Swinehart of Mishawaka; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday prior to the service.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church or Granger Missionary Church.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Edwards

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert Harry Edwards, 80, of Shriner Lake near Columbia City died Monday, March 10, 2008, at his home on Shriner Lake.

Mr. Edwards

Mr. Edwards had been a farmer in his younger days and was employed with J.O. Mory. He went on to own and operate Edwards Heating & Plumbing during the early 1970s. Later he was a custodian for Noble County government offices in Albion.

He served as a Kendallville volunteer firefighter for many years.

Mr. Edwards was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church both in Kendallville and Columbia City.

He was a United States Army Air Corps veteran and served his country during World War II.

Mr. Edwards loved spending time with and teasing his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and attending all of their activities. He loved to go fishing and share his fish stories, and enjoyed woodworking and making Christmas gifts for his family.

He was a big Purdue fan and looked forward to daily walks with his best friend and neighbor, Porky.

He was born Oct. 16, 1927, in Kendallville to Burl and Glendora (Weidman) Edwards. He first married Elmo Lucille Housholder on Aug. 10, 1947, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She died in 1983. He then married Vivian Alice Marshall on June 14, 1984, at his residence on Shriner Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Liz Edwards of Fort Wayne, Peggy and Randy Musolff of Sturgis, Mich., and Paula and Shaun Clarke of Oscoda, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Carolyn Edwards of Kendallville; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Deb and Jim Straub and Cheryl and Steve Mangan, all of Columbia City; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Vada Shepherd of Kendallville; and a brother, Gene Edwards of Corpus Christi, Texas.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim and John Edwards, and a sister, Doris Gose.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Tim Kumfer of Big Lake Church of God, Columbia City, officiating and with Judge Robert Probst giving his eulogy. Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers will be Gary Hite, Jason Hite, Michael Masters, Ashley Straub, Adam Straub, Aric Straub and Andy Straub.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral service on Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association, the American Heart Association or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Frazee

AUBURN — Dorothy Frazee, 79, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Frazee

Mrs. Frazee worked for the city, county and state highway departments. She was a 1947 graduate of St. Joe High School and attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Oct. 14, 1928, in Auburn to George and Gladys (Berry) Hanes. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Naomi Hanes of Auburn; a sister, Nila J. Hanes of Auburn; and three nephews, Howard Hanes, David Hanes and Jack Hanes.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, John Frazee and Dr. Lawrence Hess.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 12, 2008, Wednesday

Ray Ramey, 57

Ray Ramey, age 57, of Kendallville, passed away following a lengthy battle with cancer, on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ramey was born in Kendallville on February 3, 1951 to Curtis Ramey and Laura (Terry) Ramey.

He married Ruth Ann Rappel on March 29, 1970 in Clintwood, Virginia and was employed with Quick Tanks in Kendallville for 22 years.

Ray loved deer hunting and fishing and he enjoyed taking care of his flower gardens and the pond in his backyard. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include: his wife, Ruth Ramey of Kendallville; daughter and son-in-law, Tina (Jack) Lough of Albion; three granddaughters, Kara, Ashlyn, and Erica Fields all of Albion; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna (Jacob) Blevins of Auburn, Evie (Don) Zolman of LaGrange, Faye (AC) Howard of Garrett, Kentucky, Clausie (Rick) Cox of Lark Lane, Kentucky, Brenda (Willie) Patton of Hueysville, Kentucky, and Barb (Tom) Stanford of Kendallville; one brother, Bradford Ramey of Hueysville.

He was preceded in death by parents; brother, Claude Ramey; and sister, Sherleen Rose.

Funeral services were March 7, 2008 at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or School or to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Casketbearers were Ray's nephews: Jeff Zolman, Shane Hall, Terry Marcum, Brandon Marcum, Joseph Stanford, and Bob Ritchie.

View a video tribute (anytime after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Anna Lynn Long, infant

Anna Lynn Long, infant daughter of Josie M. Long was stillborn Wednesday, March 5, 2008 in the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana.

Survivors include her mother Josie M. Long of Churubusco; father Henry Gibson of Garrett, Indiana loving grandparents Douglas and Margie Long of Churubusco and Art and Shelly Gibson of Waterloo, Indiana; maternal great-grandmother, Pat Buckler of Marion, Indiana; aunt, Joy (Richard) Justice of Fort Wayne, Indiana; uncle, Douglas Long Jr. of Garrett, Indiana; many great aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held March 10, 2008 at Eel River Baptist Church on Carroll Road with Pastor Kerry L. Niman officiating. Burial followed in the Eel River Cemetery next to the church.

A ray of sunshine does not have to last long to brighten some ones life.

To leave a condolence for Anna's family log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 12, 2008, Wednesday

Jane Sordelet, 78

FORT WAYNE — Jane Sordelet, 78, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 8, 2007, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Sordelet was a homemaker and a cosmetics consultant for 20 years.

She was born in Montpelier and was a Fort Wayne resident for most of her life.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Women's Aglow and Children of the Resurrection Prayer Group. She served as a Eucharist minister.

Surviving are four sons, Randall and Denise Sordelet of Leo, Kevin and Debbie Sordelet and Matthew and Mary Sordelet, all of Fort Wayne, and Martin and Becky Sordelet of Avilla; three daughters, Jalaine and Hilary Chavez of Clinton, Mich., Melinda and Dave Windsor of Fort Wayne and Janeen and Kerry Schultz of Columbia City; two brothers, Kenneth VanEmon of Fishers and Elwin VanEmon of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Theora Elberson of Fort Wayne and Janice Hubert of St. Louis, Mo.; 33 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Sordelet in 2006.

Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1507 E. Wallen Road.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a vigil at 4 p.m. and a rosary at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials to Allen County Right to Life Committee or to Aging and In-Home Services.

Robert H. Edwards, 80

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville for Robert H. Edwards of Columbia City.

Mr. Edwards had been employed by Noble County prior to his retirement in 1992.

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March 13, 2008, Thursday

Edward Smith Sr.

AVILLA — Edward Franklin "Ed" Smith Sr., 79, died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at his residence in Avilla.

Mr. Smith had spent 40 years of his life in the Noble County area and had been a farmer for 59 years.

He graduated from Columbia City High School in the class of 1946.

Mr. Smith enjoyed spending time with his family. He will be remembered as good-hearted and hard working.

He was a member of the Eagles Aerie No. 1906 in Columbia City and the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Smith was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He was born Nov. 12, 1928, in Ormas to Chauncey and Rozella (Schnetzler) Smith. He married Janis Marie Riecke on Feb. 19, 1949. She preceded him in death on Oct. 16, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward F. Jr. and Vicki Smith of Avilla; eight daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Thomas Myers, Teresa and Howard Eicher, Rita and Lloyd Treesh and Connie and Mitch Blotkamp, all of Avilla, Rose and Tim Schafer of Fort Wayne, Mary Kay and Vincent Helmkamp of Kendallville, Doris and John Hartman of Fort Wayne and Susan and Mark Hartman of Columbia City; grandchildren, Lucy Smith, Sylvia Smith, Jennifer Lemen, Joseph Myers, Alaina Eicher, Andrea Harmeyer, Amy Eicher, Sarah Tyler, Katie Haas, Ryan Treesh, Angie Kiracofe, Jill Dunkel, Todd Helmkamp, Beth Lunz, Brian Hartman, Jody Hartman, Matthew Hartman and Tiffany Mason; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Ivan Blaugh of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Janet Kile of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Gayle Kile of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three infant children, Joseph, Carol and Rebecca; a brother, Larry Kile; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla Tyler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church or School and Masses to the church.

Send condolences to the family at brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Elma Stephenson

ANGOLA — Elma Stephenson, 96, of Angola died Sunday, March 9, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Stephenson taught kindergarten and first grade at Slocum School in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1974.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, the National Education Association, past president of the Steuben County Retired Teachers Association, the Steuben County Woman's Club, and Phi Mu Sorority and alumni association. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in education.

She was born Oct. 19, 1911, in Cincinnati to John and Norma (Koch) Brockschmidt, who both preceded her in death. She married James Stephenson on June 28, 1937. He died on Feb. 21, 1996.

She is survived by a son, John C. Stephenson of Hudsonville, Mich.; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Kenas of Clearwater, Fla.; two grandsons, James and Tom Stephenson; a granddaughter, Heather Rhoderick; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister and brother.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Deb Davis officiating. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the First Congregational United Church of Christ chapel fund.

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Phyllis Shaffer

WATERLOO — Phyllis J. Shaffer, 77, of Waterloo died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Wesley Healthcare Nursing Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Shaffer

She was employed by Martin-Marietta in Orlando, Fla., retiring in 1993. She enjoyed reading, playing Yahtzee, watching television game shows and solving word puzzles.

She was born June 3, 1930, in Fort Wayne to John C. and Jessie V. (Ross) Erhardt.

She married Thomas Shannon on July 26, 1952, in Fort Wayne. He died in 1979.

She then married Robert E. Shaffer on June 3, 1989, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are her children and their spouses, Michael J. Shannon of St. Cloud, Fla., Randy D. and Patricia Shannon of Houston, Texas, Vicki L. Shannon of St. Cloud, Fla., and Rebbecca and Steven Pettit of Goshen; three sisters, Donna J. Quaintance and Monna J. Karolyi, both of Fort Wayne, and Claudia J. Brueggemann of St. Cloud, Fla.; five grandchildren, Tabitha Myers, Jennifer and Scott Brower and Jeremy and Ashleigh Pettit; four great-grandchildren, Alexis and Joshua Myers and Adam and Noah Wiggins; seven stepchildren and their spouses, Dena Shaffer of Ossian; Ralph and Shelley Shaffer of Godley, Texas, and Deborah L. Andrews, Lucinda M. and Jeffrey Fenker, Richard and Traci Shaffer, Rebecca and Dennis Mahuren and Lorraine K. Barton, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to American Cancer Society.

Junior Phillips

KENDALLVILLE — Junior Phillips, 63, of Kendallville died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Among his survivors is his wife, Mary.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Peggy Donovan

KENDALLVILLE — Peggy Donovan, 55, of Kendallville died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Donovan recently retired as a guidance counselor at East Noble High School.

Among her survivors is her husband, Dick Donovan.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Virginia Pergrem

LIGONIER — Virginia L. Pergrem, 90, of Ligonier died at 1:50 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008, at the Maples of Waterford Crossing Nursing Home in Goshen.

Mrs. Pergrem had moved to the Ligonier area in 1936 from Michigan.

She retired from Monsanto in Ligonier after 15 years of service where she had been one of the company's first foreladies.

She enjoyed knitting, gardening and ceramics.

Mrs. Pergrem was a 1936 graduate of Burr Oak High School in Burr Oak, Mich.

She was born Feb. 22, 1918, in Chicago to Roy and Catherine (Sheely) McDaniels. She married Heraldon Layton Pergrem on June 1, 1938, in Goshen. He died June 13, 1993.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Layton L. and Cynthia Pergrem and H. Royd Pergrem, all of Syracuse; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded by her parents; a sister, Phyllis Smith; and a brother, Ira McDaniels.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Oak Park Cemetery at Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Care at Home Hospice, P.O. Box 723, Goshen, IN 46526 or Greencroft Foundation Parkinson's Support Group, P.O. Box 819, Goshen, IN 46527.

Send condolences to the family at www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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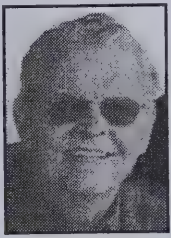
Charles Marshall

AUBURN — Charles L. Marshall, 76, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at his home.



Mr. Marshall

Mr. Marshall was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict. He worked as a steamfitter and welder for Union Local 166, retiring in 1993 with 32 years of service.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn; American Legion Post 178 of Garrett; and Union Local 166. He loved to fish and spend summers at Hogback Lake.

He was born Feb. 27, 1932, in Kansas City, Mo., to Robert C. and Virginia (Myers) Marshall.

He married Nettie L. Thomas on Jan. 16, 1954, in Kirbyton, Ky. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles "Ron" and Ann Marshall of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lisa and Scott Hess and Debra Baker, all of Auburn, and Cathy and Tom Goss of Goshen; two brothers, James Marshall of Wendell, Idaho and Bill Marshall of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Virginia A. Radford of Thayne, Wyo., and LaVancha Clark of Blackfoot, Idaho; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Mary Laverne Marshall; and a brother, Robert C. Marshall Jr.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Kirbyton, Ky., with Father Masilamani Suvakkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery of Kirbyton.

A rosary service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to Masses.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Charles Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Hamilton Gibson, 10 days old, died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Wednesday, March 2, 2008, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne to John and Danielle (Reeder) Gibson of Kendallville.

Surviving with his parents are his twin brother, Hunter Michael Gibson; his maternal grandparents, Steve and Barbara Reeder of Kendallville; his paternal grandmother, Flora Kay Gibson of Kendallville; and his maternal great-grandfather Rollie Reeder of Kendallville.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sedan Cemetery near Corunna with the Rev. Earl Bolen officiating

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Jerry Pfeiffer

FORT WAYNE — Jerry Lee Pfeiffer, 61, died Tuesda March 11, 2008, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Garrett, he was employed with Alliance Industries, formerly Wee Haven Workshop, for 50 years

Surviving are his mother, Dorothy Pfeiffer of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Dewey Tagtmeyer of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Debbie Pfeiffer of Garrett; a niece, Sarah Tagtmeyer; and four nephews, Peter Tagtmeyer and Scott, Jason and Chase Pfeiffer.

His father, John D. Pfeiffer, preceded him in death.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Jeff Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alliance Industries of Garrett.

Franklin Luther

KENDALLVILLE — Franklin W. "Snuffy" Luther, 70, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 1:24 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had been in declining health since 1995.

Mr. Luther

A lifetime Noble County resident, he was a truck driver for most of his life, working for several different companies. He retired in 1995.

Mr. Luther enjoyed NASCAR, fishing, watching bull riding and playing cards with his friends in Brimfield. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Luther was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246, and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 13, 1937, in Albion to Walter and Eunice (Bennet) Luther. He married Elizabeth "Libby" Kroh on March 23, 1973, in Knoxdale, Pa. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Cathy Luther of South Whitley; two daughters and a son-in-law, Arlene and David Miller of Edwardsville, Ill., and Amanda Holmer of LaPaz; five grandchildren, David Miller, Andrew Miller, Nathaniel Holmer, Abigail Holmer and Emma Holmer; and a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia "Cindi" and Duke Marsh of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James and Richard "Dick" Luther.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery with military graveside services by Albion American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Park and Recreation Department or Noble County Humane Shelter.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 13, 2008, Thursday

Rue Dee Marker

MESA, Ariz. — Rue Dee Marker, of Mesa, Arizona, previously from Bremen, passed away Friday, February 29, 2008, at 8:20 a.m. at the Banner Baywood Hospital. He was 71.

He was born on June 13, 1936, to Violet Shaffer and Rudolph Marker in Wakarusa. Deedle, as his childhood friends knew him, attended Madison Schools. He had the St. Joe County Grand Champion 4-H Steer in 1950 and took first place in Pheasants in 1952. He also played basketball for Madison, under his father, and was on the 1953 County Championship team.

Rue Dee graduated with a B.A. in Physical Education from Indiana University in 1959. He was a member of the Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity there. After graduation, he taught math and coached basketball at Ligonier Schools. That is where he met his wife, Judy Wade. They were married on December 16, 1961, in Wakarusa. They later moved to Bremen where he taught math while earning his Master's Degree in Elementary Education and Administration at Ball State University.

In 1967, Rue was appointed the Middle School Principal at Bremen. During his 13 years as principal, he also negotiated teacher salaries, was the Treasurer for the Board of Directors of IN Association of Elementary Principals, wrote and administered several OSHIA programs, was the President of the Bremen Parks Board of Directors, President of the Town Board, and served as Commissioner of Police.

In 1974, Rue Dee and Judy opened Ju-Dee-Kay's Hummel Figurines. They traveled to Germany to obtain the figurines and import them. They became the world's largest dealer of Hummels. Rue was also known as one of the leading experts on Hummels and was a consultant for the manufacturer, the Goebel Company. He organized several international conventions, advised many researchers and authors and was fortunate to own and sell many rare and one-of-a-kind pieces.

In 1983, he retired from Bremen Public Schools and moved to Sierra Vista, Arizona, with his wife. There, they opened The Sideboard, a specialty china and crystal store. As much as they loved Arizona, Bremen was always home to them and they moved back in 1991.

While retired, Rue Dee still instructed Driver Training Clases and taught G.E.D. at night. He loved young people and was the happiest when he was helping others. One of his most memorable committees was the United Way of Marshall County, where he served from 1993-1999, serving as Chairman in 1995-1996. In 1999, he was appointed to the Christmas in April Board of Marshall County.

Mr. Marker also served as the head of the accounting department at Bremtown Kitchens for a short time. Then, in 1998, he was appointed Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Bremen. He enjoyed his position until 2000. Shortly after the passing of his wife, he moved back to Arizona where he continued to deal in Hummel figurines and collectibles.

Rue Due is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Taylor of Wakarusa, two grandchildren, Ambria and Maliq Taylor of Wakarusa, a niece, Elizabeth (Mike) Getz-Capron of Bremen and a nephew, Stephen Getz of Bremen. He also leaves behind his good friend, Theresa Durham and loving Shih Tzu, Princess.

A memorial service is being held at the Bremen K-8 School Gymnasium, 700 W. South Street, Bremen, on Saturday, March 15. There will be a visitation at 1 p.m., with the service beginning at 2 p.m.

There will be another hour of visitation after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Rue Dee Marker Scholarship Fund at Bremen High School.

Donations can be sent to The Marshall County Community Foundation, PO Box 716, Plymouth, IN 46563.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Isabel Kime

GOSHEN — Isabel Kime, 92, of Goshen died Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Courtyard Healthcare in Goshen.

She was born August 30, 1915, in New Paris to Charles H. and Laura (Coy) Lutes.

Mrs. Kime, who was a lifetime area resident, was a homemaker. She had worked for Spinks Hotel at Wawasee Lake prior to her marriage, was a former member of Goshen City Church of the Brethren and had attended Manchester College for two years. She married Floyd Kime on November 19, 1937 in Goshen. He died September 28, 1980.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen (Cheryl) Kime of Elkhart, Karman (Mary Ellen) Kime of Syracuse, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Roger Kime and six sisters, Laveta Barnard, Berdina Helser, Savilla Wysong, Dorothy Widner, Lucille Stewart, and Romaine Lutes and one brother, Eldon Lutes.

Calling was Tuesday at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home. Services were Wednesday, March 12, by Rev. Ron Spyker of the Jefferson Brethren Church in Goshen. Burial was at Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent to:
yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Figure sought in death probe

AUBURN – A team investigating a
Avilla man's death last month i
looking for a key piece of the puzzle.

Investigators want to talk t
someone who was driving a newe
model, maroon Ford F-150 pickup on DeKalb C.R. 19 east of Garrett on Feb. 17 around 3 p.m.

The occupants of the pickup gave a Garrett Police officer information that is believed to be crucial to the investigation.

Anyone with information about the investigation is asked to call Detective Lt. Troy Hershberger of the Allen County Sheriff's Department Criminal Investigation Division at 449-7411 or Detective Lt. Ron Rayl of the Allen County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Divisionn at 449-7137. The caller can remain anonymous.

The DeKalb County Commissioners asked Hershberger and Rayl to investigate the death of Duane Squire, 66, of rural Avilla on Feb. 17. They are trying to determine if police officers were negligent in their investigation of an incident that began when Squire drove his blue 1989 Oldsmobile off C.R. 48 and became stuck in a field around 3 p.m. on that date.

Police went to the scene in response to 911 calls, but did not go into the field to investigate. Officers found Squire dead alongside his car about 22 hours later. His autistic grandson, 14, survived a night inside the car in single-digit temperatures.

Longtime counselor Peggy Donovan dies

KENDALLVILLE — Longtime East Noble High School guidance counselor Peggy Marie Donovan, 55, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Donovan

Mrs. Dovovan had retired in July 2007 from the East Noble School Corp.

She graduated from Alexandria High School in 1970 and Purdue University with a master's in school counseling. She taught English at Rensselaer and West Lafayette.

She came to East Noble High School in 1979 and was named school counseling administrator in 1981.

In 1988, she was presented with the distinctive Secondary School Counselor Award by the Indiana Association for Counseling and Development.

Mrs. Donovan attended the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange.

She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, dining out, reading fiction and traveling.

Mrs. Donovan was born in Anderson on April 15, 1952, to Clarence and Barbara Nell (Swift) Crouch. She married Richard Julian Donovan on July 12, 1980, in Alexandria. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her mother, Barbara Crouch of Alexandria; a sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Terry Vanlaningham of Mentone; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Dorene Crouch of Yorktown and Merrill and Marilyn Crouch of Oolitic; a niece and her husband, Hilary and Jay Dee Parker of Silver Lake; two nephews, Corey Vanlaningham of West Lafayette and Dr. Cameron Vanlaningham and his wife, Kelly, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and two great-nephews, Carson Parker and Noah Vanlaningham.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1996.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 201 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 201 S. State St. in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 201 S. State St. in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

View a video tribute (after Saturday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Paul Spoerke

COLUMBIA CITY — Paul Howard Spoerke, 65, of rural Columbia City died at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health since November.

Mr. Spoerke

Mr. Spoerke had been employed by the U. S. Postal Service in Columbia City and retired from there in 1998 after 33 years of service. He had also worked at the Shady Park Nursery in Columbia City, at the former Rochester Casket Co. and for Plastic Veneering in Tunker.

He moved to Columbia City as a youth with his parents, and graduated from Columbia City High School in 1961. He later served with the U. S. Air Force, and was on active duty there until receiving a hardship discharge in order to return home and assist his mother in the operation of the Western Auto Store in Columbia City after his father had a paralyzing stroke. He continued in the Air Force Standby Reserve until his honorable discharge in 1970.

Mr. Spoerke was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

He enjoyed making cabinets, furniture, refinishing antiques and hunting for arrowheads.

Mr. Spoerke was born Feb. 4, 1943, in Canton, Ohio, to Clarence J. and Renata (Buenzel) Spoerke. He married Bonnie (Burk) Coverstone on Nov. 2, 1968, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are three stepsons, Rex Coverstone and Jeffrey and Robyn Coverstone, all of Columbia City, and Dennis Coverstone of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Charles Stanley of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Joy Spoerke of Interlachen, Fla.; seven stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; four nieces; three nephews; 13 great-nieces and great-nephews; and two great-great nephews.

Private graveside services with military honors will be held at South Whitley Cemetery at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County, 951 S. Line St., Columbia City, IN 46725 or to Habitat for Humanity, 378-A N. Line St., P. O. Box 803, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Charles Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Hamilton Gibson, 10 days old, died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Wednesday, March 2, 2008, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne to John and Danielle (Reeder) Gibson of Kendallville.

Surviving with his parents are his twin brother, Hunter Michael Gibson; his maternal grandparents, Steve and Barbara Reeder of Kendallville; his paternal grandmother, Flora Kay Gibson of Kendallville; and his maternal great-grandparents, Rollie Reeder of Kendallville and John and Bonnie Stanford of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sedan Cemetery near Corunna with the Rev. Earl Bolen officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Junior Phillips

KENDALLVILLE — Junior Phillips, 63, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Phillips

Mr. Phillips was a coal miner for 15 years for several different companies in West Virginia and Virginia.

After moving to Indiana, he worked at the Kendallville Foundry for 20 years.

He loved to fish, and in his younger years he enjoyed hunting. He also enjoyed gardening and yard work.

Mr. Phillips especially enjoyed spending time with his friends and family members.

He was born May 7, 1944, in War, W.Va., to Ocie and Evelyn (Phillips) Frazier. He married Mary J. Powell on Dec. 22, 1970, in Lovington, Va. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Junior W. Phillips II and his wife, Brandy, of LaOtto; a daughter; Melissa L. Phillips and George Jordan of Kendallville; two grandchildren; Tia C. Phillips and Isreal P. Jordan; a sister; Sarah and Robert Gannon of Avilla; two brothers, William Frazier of Kendallville and Ocie Frazier of War, W.Va.; two half brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, one sister and a half sister.

There are no services.

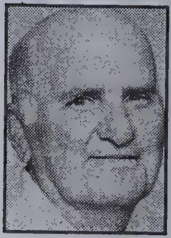
Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Raymond Mettert

CHURUBUSCO — Raymond Gene Mettert, 73, of Churubusco died at 8:16 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had battled a heart condition for many years and had been hospitalized since March 1.



Mr. Mettert

He had formerly lived near Roanoke and at Big Lake.

Mr. Mettert retired in 1990 from the maintenance department at Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne after 32 years of service.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending summers at their cottage in Osage, Minn.

Mr. Mettert was born Nov. 21, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Alvey Kenneth and Mabel (Worman) Mettert. He married Carol J. Lamley on June 12, 1954, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven R. and Karla Mettert of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law Sandra and Bradley Scare of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Mona Mettert of Fort Wayne and Tom and Lottie Mettert of Osage, Minn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Claretta and Owen Nuttle and Helen and Dale Archbold, all of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Lois Turner of Florida; four grandchildren and their spouses, Christopher and Kim Mettert, Alan and Elizabeth Mettert, Brandy and Ryan Mizik, and Hillary Scare; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Henry Mettert and Robert Mettert.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto, pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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Dena Yoder

LAGRANGE — Dena Jane Yoder, 23, of LaGrange died at 11:53 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born March 13, 1984, in Goshen, to Harry Stutzman Jr. and Velda (Wingard) Stutzman. On April 9, 2004, in Shipshewana she married Delmar Dean Yoder. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott Matthew Yoder and Drew Garrett Yoder, both at home; her parents; her grandmothers, Ida Stutzman of Middlebury and Wilma Wingard of Shipshewana; two sisters, Jolene and John Yoder of Millersburg and Beth and Elmer Miller Jr. of Shipshewana; and three brothers, Lynn and Wanita Stutzman, Darin and Kristine Stutzman and Jeryl and Lorraine Stutzman, all of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Harry Stutzman and Perry Wingard.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence with Bishop Chris Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be all day today at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Lothamer

QUINCY, Mich. — Donna Marie Lothamer, 61, of Quincy, Mich., died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Lothamer belonged to the Quincy American Legion No. 157 Auxiliary and supported the Relay for Life programs. She was proud of her Native American heritage and enjoyed sharing the Cherokee history with her grandchildren.

She was born April 5, 1946, in Sherwood, Mich., to Horace and Maxine (Dowell) Norton. She married Floyd Lothamer on Nov. 20, 1966. He survives in Quincy.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dawn Lothamer of Quincy; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Thomas and Rebeca Lothamer and John Lothamer, all of Quincy; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sharon and Kal Marsh of Quincy, and Linda Griffin of Coldwater, Mich.; one brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Jimmie Norton of Fort Payne, Ala.; and three grandchildren, Rose, Isaiah and Sebastian.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Nancy Welch.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy, with Pastor Angel Rojas officiating.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Relay for Life

Kenith Fogle

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Kenith "Kenny" Fogle, 37, died Monday, March 10, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Fogle was employed at Therma–Tru in Butler for 17 years in the shipping department. He was an active member of the Bryan Church of the Nazarene in Bryan, Ohio, where he served as a song leader. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1989.

He was born Dec. 6, 1970, in Bryan to Donald and Carol (Yoh) Fogle. His mother survives in Edgerton, Ohio. His father died in 2006.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Sandy and Mike Steele of Edgerton; a nephew, Mike Steele Jr.; and aunts and uncles.

Services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Bryan Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Roger Blough officiating. Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, and Saturday after 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Retired EN counselor Peggy Donovan dies

KENDALLVILLE — Longtime East Noble High School guidance counselor Peggy Marie Donovan, 55, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Donovan

Mrs. Dovovan had retired in July 2007 from the East Noble School Corp.

She graduated from Alexandria High School in 1970 and Purdue University with a master's in school counseling. She taught English at Rensselaer and West Lafayette.

She came to East Noble High School in 1979 and was named school counseling administrator in 1981.

In 1988, she was presented with the distinctive Secondary School Counselor Award by the Indiana Association for Counseling and Development.

Mrs. Donovan attended the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange.

She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, dining out, reading fiction and traveling.

Mrs. Donovan was born in Anderson on April 15, 1952, to Clarence and Barbara Nell (Swift) Crouch. She married Richard Julian Donovan on July 12, 1980, in Alexandria. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her mother, Barbara Crouch of Alexandria; a sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Terry Vanlaningham of Mentone; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Dorene Crouch of Yorktown and Merrill and Marilyn Crouch of Oolitic; a niece and her husband, Hilary and Jay Dee Parker of Silver Lake; two nephews, Corey Vanlaningham of West Lafayette and Dr. Cameron Vanlaningham and his wife, Kelly, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and two great-nephews, Carson Parker and Noah Vanlaningham.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1996.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 201 S. State St. in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Irene Jones

AUBURN — Irene M. (Leech) Jones, 77, of Auburn, died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at her home.

Born in Morenci, Mich., she was a Realtor with Premier Realty in Auburn for several years. She graduated from high school in Morenci.

She married her husband of 47 years, Barney Jones, on Jan. 27, 1950, in Morenci. He died in August 1997.

Mrs. Jones

Surviving are a son, John Jones of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Dave Lochner of Auburn; two grandchildren, Aaron Lochner of Angola and Andy Lochner of Auburn; a sister, Madeline Van Riper of Fenton, Mich.; and three brothers, Walter Leech of Flint, Mich., William Leech of Grass Lake, Mich., and John Leech of Fenton.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Amy Koffron and Garnet Gutowski, two brothers, Robert and Raymond Leech, and a son, Jack Jones, in 2005.

A memorial service be at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Betty Osmun

AUBURN — Betty M. Osmun, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, March 13, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett

Mrs. Osmun was a bookkeeper for Audio Visual Specialist in Fort Wayne for 10 years, retiring in 1979. She also was a bookkeeper for Midwest Dairy, City National Bank and Garns Candy Co. of Auburn before her retirement.

Mrs. Osmun

She was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn and the Auburn Women's Club. She was an Retired Senior Volunteer Program volunteer.

She was born Dec. 16, 1918, in Harlan to Clarence Franklin and Elma Mae (Volkert) Preston. They preceded her in death.

She married Lawrence B. Osmun on June 21, 1938, in Hicksville, Ohio. He died Oct. 5, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and James Ketner of Angola and Cathie and Dr. Jack Exley of Red Lodge, Mont.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Renee and Kevin Hull, Kristina Reas and Elizabeth Hazzard, Denise and Donald Mettert and Jamel and Jason Scheuring; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandsons; two sisters-in-law and a spouse, Helen and Chester Metz and Lucille Osmun, both of Hicksville, Ohio; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Jeffrey Reas, who died April 22, 2007; two brothers, Deloy Preston and Ned J. Preston; and two sisters, Muriel Preston and Margaret "Maxine" Dull.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

David McCue

KENDALLVILLE — David McCue Sr., 68, of Kendallville died Friday, March 14, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 15, 2008, Saturday

Doris Campbell

GUN BARREL CITY, Texas — Doris Gene Campbell, 76, of Gun Barrel City, Texas, formerly of Kokomo, died Wednesday, March 5, 2008, in Athens, Texas.

Mrs. Campbell was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Tamarak Ladies Club, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She had lived in Gun Barrel City since 1984.

She was born Feb. 3, 1932, in Noble County to B. Ray and Mildred Miller, both of whom preceded her in death. She married Jim Campbell, who survives in Gun Barrel City.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Linda Campbell, and Gaylord and Sharon Campbell, all of Gun Barrel City, and Greg and Trudy Campbell of Kokomo; a daughter, Mary Rae Massey of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Bob Miller of Attica, Ohio, and Allen Miller of Pierceton.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Reidenbach.

Services were Saturday, March 8, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Gun Barrel City. Pallbearers were Mary Massey, Matthew Massey, Gaylord Campbell, Brad Campbell, Brad Campbell, George Campbell and Jim Land. Burial was in Cedar Creek Memorial Park in Mabank, Texas.

Arrangements were by Eubank Cedar Creek Funeral Home in Mabank.

Nancy Green

CHURUBUSCO — Nancy K. Green, 59, of rural Churubusco died Friday, March 14, 2008, at her home.

She had worked as a nurse for Dr. Linus Minnick in Churubusco, worked as a postal carrier, and later did painting.

Mrs. Green

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, working as CCD director for several years. She was a Chicago Cubs fan, and enjoyed yardwork, gardening and taking walks. She had worked as a Vista volunteer in Oklahoma.

She will be remembered for her positive attitude during her 15-year battle with multiple sclerosis and the deaths of her daughter and parents.

She was born on May 7, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Erin (Neufer) Schenher, who both preceded her in death. She married Jack Green on Aug. 7, 1971, in Ege. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Angie Green, and Brett and Tara Green, all of Churubusco; a daughter, Emily Green of St. Louis, Mo.; in-laws John William and Almetta Green of Churubusco; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Stan and Linda Schenher of Indianapolis, Jeff and Vicki Schenher, and Curt and Dawn Schenher, all of Churubusco; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Susie and Eric Johnson of Elk Grove, Calif., and Sally and Jim Panyard of Angola; and three grandchildren, Jessie Green, Allison Green and Katelyn Green.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Leslie Green, on June 28, 1993.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, with the Rev. Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling will be at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m., Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Memorials are to the Leslie Green Scholarship Fund or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Eldon Shrock

AMBOY — Eldon D. Shrock, 97, of Amboy died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru.

Mr. Shrock was a mill foreman at Amboy Grain Co., retiring in 1975.

He graduated from Amboy High School in 1929. He was an active member of the Amboy Friends Church, and a lifelong Miami County resident. He was also a member of the Marion Moose Lodge.

He was born Jan. 7, 1911, in Miami County to Elmer and Nora (Troyer) Shrock, who both preceded her in death. He married Marjorie Stevens in Huntington on March 31, 1934. She preceded him in death on Sept. 6, 1996.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Norman Dunn of Peru; three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Judy Shrock of Albion, Larry and Pam Shrock of Peru, and Michael and Susanna Shrock of Swayzee; 13 grandchildren and spouses, Jason and Karen Shrock, James and Rachael Shrock, Judy and Troy Bender, Joel and Kelly Shrock, Joseph and Toni Dunn, Julie Dunn, Steven and Beth Dunn, Kathy and Bruce Lesley, Crystal Ribble, Jeff Shrock, Chad Shrock and Scott Novak, Aaron and Angie Shrock, and Stacia and Eric Wegert; two stepgrandchildren and spouses, Michael and Tiffany Taylor, and Meredith and Shane Dittlefield; 31 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Amboy Friends Church in Amboy. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at Laird Funeral Home in Amboy.

Memorials are to the Amboy Friends Church.

Catherine Farver

ASHLEY — Catherine Jenny (Castle) Farver, 67, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Kentucky.

Mrs. Farver had lived in Ashley until 2000. She had lived in Kentucky since that time. She loved horses, her 14 cats and two dogs.

She was born Dec. 8, 1940, to James and Elinor Castle. She married Jack Farver Sr., on June 8, 1959. He preceded her in death. She married Dale Flewallen on Feb. 20. He survives.

She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl Lynn and Otto Alleshouse; a son, Jack Farver Jr.; four grandchildren, Melissa Lynn, Crystal Lynn, Lee Michial and Ryan Ashley; and a great-grandchild, Bryan Farver.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Lisa and Christine Farver.

She was cremated on Feb. 22. Her ashes are to be spread in the hills of Kentucky. A memorial will be announced at a later date.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 16, 2008, Sunday

Jean German

ANGOLA — Jean M. German, 83, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from Angola High School in 1942.

She was a homemaker and worked with and supported her husband in their construction business. She was a member of the Angola Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star 78 and the Silver Lake Ladies Aid Quilting Group.

In Angola on May 15, 1924, she was born to Thad K. and Violet L. (Gibson) Mabie. They preceded her in death. She married Kenneth E. German on June 6, 1942, in Angola. He preceded her in death in April 1978.

Surviving are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara J. and Terry "Joe" Chapin, Spring Arbor, Mich., and Pamela K. Waters and Joseph Schroeder, Richmond, Ind.; two grandchildren, Tess A. Scheiben and Kate A. Waters, both of Richmond; and a great-granddaughter, Bess A. Scheiben, Richmond.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Jeffrey Y. and Jennifer A. Chapin.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

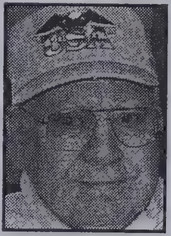
John Ells

GARRETT — John Wesley Ells, 74, of Garrett died Friday, March 14, 2008, at his residence.

He served on the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department for 32 years, retiring as captain.

Mr. Ells served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, and a lifetime member of the Waterloo V.F.W.


Mr. Ells

In Toledo, Ohio, he was born on Jan. 31, 1934, to George and Ruth (Adt) Ells. They preceded him in death. He married Kaye M. Shuff. She also preceded him in death.

Surviving are: a son, John Ells Jr., Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie and Stephen Thomas, Garrett, and Nancy Jane Ells, Auburn; two brothers, George Ells, Columbus, Ohio, and Hal Ells, Auburn; two sisters, Wealthea Martis, Acworth, Ga., and Nancy Marimount, Columbus, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Tiffany Archer, Arron Lautzenheiser, Brooke Fugate, and Jerid, Jessica, Wesley and Jesslyn Ells; and three great-grandchildren, Evan Fugate, Jayda Dirig and Logan Crawlsy.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

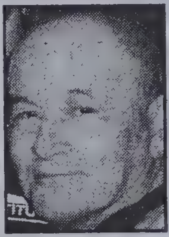
Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans.

David McCue

KENDALLVILLE — David McCue, 68, of Kendallville died Friday, March 14, 2008, at his residence.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1963.

Mr. McCue worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 33 years and spent his retirement fishing in Minnesota and Florida.


Mr. McCue

On June 3, 1939, in Coulterville, Ill., he was born to Franklin and Thiresa May (Reynolds) McCue. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Michael Dickey, Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, David "Bo" and Shawn McCue, Angola, and Mark and Jennifer McCue, Kendallville; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Frank and Donna McCue, Vern McCue and Danny McCue; a sister, Donna Kay; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and childhood sweetheart Wanda McCue.

In addition to his parents, his grandmother who raised him, Mary Doris Reynolds, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Ernie Miller of Harbor of Love Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be David, Coty and Matt McCue, Joshua Dickey, Joshua Davidson, Jerry Neuman and Bobby Prater. Honorary bearers will be Luke, Dalton, Malachi, Isaiah, Moses and Riley.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harbor of Love Baptist Church Youth Group.

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Fr. Robert Hoevel

FORT WAYNE — Father Robert J. Hoevel, 92, former Immaculate Conception Catholic Church parish priest in Kendallville, and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, died Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at Saint Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

A devoted priest and lover of sports, Fr. Hoevel served eight parishes as either pastor or assistant pastor during his 65 years in the priesthood, including the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville from 1980 to 1984. He was a founding pastor of St. Henry Parish in southeast Fort Wayne.

Born Feb. 1, 1916, in Fort Wayne, he was the son of Benjamin W. and Marie U. (Steib) Hoevel, and grew up on farmland that would be the future site of St. Henry Church. He attended St. Andrew School in Fort Wayne, and in the fifth grade decided he wanted to be a priest.

After attending St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, he received a diocesan scholarship for two years of study at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy. His time in Rome was cut short by the outbreak of World War II, when the American seminarians were sent home.

Fr. Hoevel completed his studies at St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana and was ordained a priest on May 30, 1942, by Bishop John F. Noll in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

In 1968, Fr. Hoevel was appointed administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Garrett and made pastor in 1969. He battled cancer during this time. He moved to St. Patrick, Arcola in 1975, St. Joseph, Mishawaka in 1977, and then to Kendallville.

Along with his lifelong love of baseball, he enjoyed fishing and golf.

Fr. Hoevel retired in 1984. He lived for a time in an apartment at Sylvan Springs in Rome City before moving to Saint Anne Home.

Surviving are: a sister, Helen Berghoff, Fort Wayne; a brother, Benjamin Hoevel, South Bend; 14 nieces and nephews; and 42 great-nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 8 at St. Henry Catholic Church, and burial was in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Hattie Rich

LAGRANGE — Hattie M. Rich, 101, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2008, at Hoover Wood Nursing Center, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Ruben Funk

MILLERSBURG — Ruben A. Funk, 52, of Davenport, Ia., died at 5 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2008, at his sister Marie Whirledge's residence in rural Millersburg.

He was born on July 28, 1955.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Millersburg.

Carolyn Lepper

HAMILTON — Carolyn "Sue" Lepper, 67, of Hamilton died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Redimed, and most recently for Indiana Mettert where she retired earlier this year.

Mrs. Lepper was a member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon, Ohio, the Hamilton Garden Club, Butler Eagles, Loyal Order of the Moose in Auburn, Butler American Legion, and she was an avid China painter.

On Dec. 25, 1940, in Salem she was born to Martin and Marie Voyles. They preceded her in death. She married William C. Lepper on Jan. 10, 1998, in Hicksville, Ohio. He survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Sheri and Aaron Spirek, Fremont; a granddaughter, Kellie Roy, Angola; a step daughter and her spouse, Jody and Kurt Berry, St. Joe; a step son, Jeff Lepper, St. Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Lisa Voyles, Salem, Ind.; and six grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, her first husband, Byron Colglazier, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Clayton J. Bailey officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, and 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday before the services.

Memorials are to the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon, Ohio.

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Lou Moore

AUBURN — Lou Moore, 79, of Auburn died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at her residence.

She was an LPN at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for 28 years. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

On Nov. 24, 1928, in Walker County, Ala., she was born to Roy and Iris (Prestridge) Reeves. They preceded her in death. She married Harold Moore on May 30, 1975. He preceded her in death Oct. 25, 2000.

Surviving are: a son, Terry White, Greencastle; two daughters, Gail Nodine, Garrett, and Pam Dennison, Auburn; a sister, Lavene Densmore, Tuscalusa, Ala.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, a daughter, Kathy Bailey, and a brother, Roy Reeves, preceded her in death.

Private graveside services will be Saturday at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Mascho

CHURUBUSCO — Barbara E. Mascho, 67, of rural Churubusco died at 10:15 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2008, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health since Christmas, and entered the hospital on Monday.

As an adult Mrs. Mascho moved to Fort Wayne and had lived at her home north of Churubusco since 1987.

She had retired from Raytheon (formerly Magnavox) after 30 years of service.

On Aug. 20, 1940, in Steinhatchee, Fla., she was born to David Franklin and Bessie Mae (Stephens) Gentry. She married Gerald A. "Jerry" Mascho in Kingsland, Ga. on July 8, 1975. He survives.

Also surviving are: a daughter, Jana Vachon, Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Marty and Alicia Peacock, Monroeville; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

There will be private family services at a later date.

Memorials are to Mrs. Mascho's great-grandchildren's educational fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

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Samuel Bloomfield

SYRACUSE — Samuel W. Bloomfield, 90, of Syracuse died at 9:15 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2008, in Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

He was a Syracuse area resident for more than 60 years, and worked in maintenance at Essex Wire in Ligonier.

He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, a member of The Vinyard Community Church in Syracuse and enjoyed carpentry, working in his yard and playing poker.

In Kendallville on Oct. 11, 1917, he was born to Earl and Mary (Drew) Bloomfield. He married Myra E. Hendrickson. She survives.

Also surviving are: two sons, Curtis Bloomfield, San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Byron Bloomfield, Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Carleen Peachey, Syracuse; two sisters, Agnus Tutwiler, of Ohio, and Delores Goble, of Michigan; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were: his parents; a son, Steve Bloomfield; a daughter, Karen Adkins; three brothers, Sherman, Earl Jr. and Louis Bloomfield; and two sisters, Geraldine Goble and Vivi Hawk.

Graveside services with full military honors will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bethel Cemetery, Syracuse, with Pastor Kent Butcher officiating.

Memorials are to The Vineyard Community Church, 1012N S.R. 13, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Blanch Ritchie

ROME CITY — Blanch Ritchie, 69, of Rome City died at 11:25 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

She Moved to Rome City from Kentucky in 1975, and retired from Silgan Plastics after more than 25 years of service.

Mrs. Ritchie

She was a member of the American Legion Auxilary in Rome City.

On June 6, 1938, in Mousie, Ky., she was born to Andy and Tennessee Slone. She married Marvin Ritchie, then Homer Fugate Sr., and Wallace Ray Ritchie., all of whom preceded her in death.

Surviving are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Arline Holliday and Mallia and Doug Holliday, all of Rome City; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Marty L. Ritchie, Carl D. and Kathy Ritchie, and Homer Jr. and Pauline Fugate, all of Rome City; five step daughters, Patricia Randol, Kendallville, Teresa Ritchie, Nappanee, Audrey Coomer, Elwood, Ind., Brenda VanHalst, South Milford, and Homeretta Faulkner, Syracuse; two sisters, Ruby Taylor and Florida Slone, both of Kentucky; a brother, Garland Rusty Slone, Cosperville, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Four sisters, a brother and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville, with Pastor Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Wendell Noaker

ALBION — Wendell B. Noaker, 77, of Albion died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Hickory Creek at Kendallville. He had been in declining health since October, and had entered the nursing home on Feb. 29.

Mr. Noaker

Mr. Noaker had lived in Bangor, Mich., prior to moving to Noble County in 1996.

He had been director of engineering at Du-Wel Metal Products in Bangor and retired from there in 1995 after 33 years of service.

Mr. Noaker served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

He was born July 8, 1930, in Detroit to Mervin and Florence (Burkman) Noaker. He married Anna L. Gray on Feb. 24, 1983, in Breedsville, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Sandra and Mitchell Wells of Allegan, Mich., Nancy Noaker of Lynchburg, Va., Lana Jackson of Albion and Jill and Jeff Lash of Columbia City; a son, Wendell Noaker of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Pincomb of Avon Park, Fla.; three brothers, Wayne and Lois Noaker of Avon Park, Fla., Lloyd and Beth Noaker of Wakarusa, and David and Carol Noaker of Orlando, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; twin sons, Ronald Noaker and Donald Noaker; a daughter, Dorothy Noaker; a brother, Dan Noaker; and a sister, Wanda McDonald.

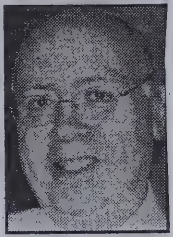
Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Lyle Calkins officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 111 E. Ludwig Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Gregory Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Gregory Charles Smith, 47, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at his residence.


Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith had lived in South Bend for 18 years before moving to Kendallville. He was employed with area service stations and at Pizza Hut in both cities.

He graduated from Abilene High School in Abilene, Texas, in 1978 and served in the United States Air Force.

He enjoyed reading history and keeping up with current sporting events. He also liked to study biblical history and archeology.

Mr. Smith was born in Rantoul, Ill., on June 21, 1960, to Robert Charles and Elsie May (Knight) Smith. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a sister, Lori and Jackie Smart of Ashdown, Ark.; two brothers, Jeffrey and DeeAnn Smith of Collinsville, Texas, and Bradly and Jennifer Smith of Middlebury; nieces, Danielle Smith, Makenzie Smith and Erin Smith; and a nephew, Connor Smith.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harold and Eva Knight and Charles and Genevie Smith.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Brad Smith, Jeff Smith, Merle Steller, Robert Steller, Chris Knight and Mark Burkhead.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Tracy Harrington

FREMONT — Tracy L. Harrington, 47, of Fremont died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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Ruben Funk

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Ruben A. Funk, 52, of Davenport, Iowa, died at 5 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the home of his sister, Marie Whirledge in Millersburg. He had been ill with leukemia for 12 months.

Mr. Funk was an engineer and had been employed with 3M for 20 years, most recently in Cordova, Ill.

He graduated in 1973 from Clinton Christian High School, and in 1980 from the University of Missouri in Rolla with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Funk was an active member of Vineyard Church of Davenport, and participated in mission trips to Mexico, New Orleans and Central America.

He was a blacksmith and a steam railroad enthusiast.

He was born to July 28, 1955, in Pryor, Okla., to Walter and Amanda (Nisly) Funk. His mother survives in Millersburg and his father is deceased.

Surviving are his children, Jason Funk of Columbia, Mo., and Andrew Funk and Emily Funk, both of Davenport, Iowa; two granddaughters; a brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Margie Funk of New Carlisle; and two sisters and a brother-in-lawMarie and Ben Whirledge and Betty Funk, both of Millersburg.

A burial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Clinton Brick Mennonite Church, with a memorial service to immediately follow.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Vineyard Church of Davenport, with a funeral service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Vineyard Ministries Central Mexico, 2402 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA 52806.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information.*

Jean German

ANGOLA — Jean M. German, 83, of Angola died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from Angola High School in 1942.

She was a homemaker and worked with and supported her husband in their construction business. She was a member of the Angola Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star 78 and the Silver Lake Ladies Aid Quilting Group.

In Angola on May 15, 1924, she was born to Thad K. and Violet L. (Gibson) Mabie. They preceded her in death. She married Kenneth E. German on June 6, 1942, in Angola. He preceded her in death in April 1978.

Surviving are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara J. and Terry "Joe" Chapin, Spring Arbor, Mich., and Pamela K. Waters and Joseph Schroeder, Richmond, Ind.; two grandchildren, Tess A. Scheiben and Kate A. Waters, both of Richmond; and a great-granddaughter, Bess A. Scheiben, Richmond.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Jeffrey T. and Jennifer A. Chapin.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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Raymond Gingerich

GOSHEN — Raymond Gingerich, 88, of Goshen died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at his home. He had been ill about one week.

Mr. Gingerich was a dairy farmer and had lived in Goshen since 1940.

He was a member of Mount Joy Mennonite Church where he taught Sunday school.

He had been a member of the CAM Mutual Aid board for 20 years and was involved with Choice Books for 20 years.

Mr. Gingerich enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born in Rollett, N.D., on Jan. 16, 1920, to Noah and Sarah (Graber) Gingerich. He married Edna E. Troyer on April 7, 1946, in Middlebury. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Eloise Gingerich of Akron, Ohio, Shirley and Donald Nunemaker of Wakarusa, Beverly and Clarence Sutton of Maricopa, Ariz., and Mary Jo and Bruce Reitz of Goshen; three sons, Wayne and Joan Gingerich of Hudson, Ronald and Kathy Gingerich of Wolcottville, and Gene and Kim Gingerich of Goshen; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Beulah and Daniel Cross and Esther Stutzman, all of Goshen, Elnora Miller of Clayhole, Ky., and Dorothy and Orlo Fisher of Talcum, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kari Nunemaker, and two brothers, Jacob and Elmer Gingerich.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Joy Mennonite Church at Goshen with the Rev. Ben Shirk and the Rev. Nelson Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., Tuesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Mount Joy Mennonite Church or Gideon International.

Send condolences to the family at www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Eugene Merriman

AUBURN — Eugene L. Merriman, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Merriman

Mr. Merriman was the owner of Custom Wood Products. He graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1939 and was in the U.S. Navy from 1939 to 1947. He served during World War II and was a survivor of the attack on the battleship USS St. Louis at Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine, all in Fort Wayne, and Calvary United Methodist Church.

He was born May 18, 1921, in Huntington.

Surviving are his wife, E. Wanda (Brown) Merriman of Auburn; four daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia L. and Dennis Fleming of Auburn, Pamela Halterman of Garrett, Gay Lynn Martz of Ossian and Patty Ann Woodside of Wichita, Kan.; two brothers, Joe of Roanoke and Mark Merriman of Yoder; a sister, Janet Merriman of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur E. and Mildred (Eby) Merriman, and a brother, Max Merriman, who died in 1976.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Classic Connection show choir of DeKalb High School.

Edna King

AUBURN — Edna A. King, 96, died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. King

Born in Yakima, Wash., she was a homemaker. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo, Eastern Star and Ladies Aide. She enjoyed square dancing, traveling, cooking and being a seamstress, and she loved her family.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Duane Heller of Auburn and Marlene and Eldon Skelley of Hamilton; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph and Helen Schannen of Florida and Gordon and Bea Schannen of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John King, in April 1996; a brother, Robert Schannen; and a sister, Ester Timma.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Brian Wilcox will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ, the DeKalb County Cancer Society and Marianne and Roy Badonger, missionaries from Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Larry Groves

ANGOLA — Larry J. Groves, 73, of Angola and formerly of Findlay, Ohio, died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Groves

Mr. Groves was retired from the Lima Army Tank Plant, where he was the head of the United Auto Workers. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean War.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 1568 in Angola.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1934, in Findlay to Richard C. and Leona (Fluggia) Groves, who preceded him in death. He married Louise DeLong and she preceded him in death. He later married Diane White and she preceded him in death on March 11, 1999.

He is survived by his companion, Vera Jamison of Angola.

Also preceding him in death was a son, Douglas Groves; and brothers, Jerry, Richard and Ellis.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Maple Grove Cemetery in Findlay, where the Hancock County Veteran's Memorial Squad will conduct full military rites.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home in Findlay.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.coldren-crates.com.

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D. Paul LaRowe Jr.

WATERLOO — D. Paul LaRowe Jr., 82, of Waterloo died Monday morning, March 17, 2008, at his home.

Mr. LaRowe was a lifetime farmer and was a bus driver for DeKalb Central schools for 35 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

He was born July 11, 1925, in Albion to Delbert Paul LaRowe and Mildred (Zimmerman) LaRowe Scott. They preceded him in death.

He married Imogene "Jean" Knapp on Jan. 27, 1945, in Auburn. She died April 19, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Esther LaRowe of Kernersville, N.C., and Jeff and Cathy LaRowe of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Richard Smith of Corunna; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Renee Collins of Butler, Rita and Pat Schultz of West Lafayette, Pat and Danette LaRowe of Texas, Darcy LaRowe of Texas, Jennifer and Doug Bond of Austin, Texas, Troy and Leann Blanchard of Auburn and Charrise and John Lothamer of New Haven; 16 great-grandchildren; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Bill LaRowe of Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Dean and Roberta LaRowe of Harrison, Mich., Ronald and Tam LaRowe of Okeechobee, Fla., and Allan and Ann LaRowe of Auburn; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Charlotte and Jim Whittington of Auburn and Evelyn and Harold Russell of Mancelona, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert LaRowe.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Diane Barrett officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or Maple Grove Methodist Church.

John Nickle

BRONSON, Mich. — John Eugene Nickle, 88 of Bronson, Mich., died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at his home.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with Rev. Richard A. Fritz officiating.

Military honors conferred by Bronson Post 259 of the American Legion will follow the service.

Memorials are to the Bronson Post 259 of the American Legion.

Sally Schulz

ANGOLA — Sally Schulz, 58, Angola, died Monday, March 17, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Tracy Harrington

FREMONT — Tracy L. Harrington, 47, of Fremont died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Harrington

Mr. Harrington was a full-time garage salesman in Fremont for many years.

He had attended Quincy School. He enjoyed his friends in the coffee shop in Fremont in the mornigs. He loved his children and family, watching Western movies, and the Speed Channel.

He was born May 14, 1960, in Bronson, Mich., to William and Phyllis Irene (Ray) Harrington. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by three sons, Tyler Harrington of Angola, Jeff Welch of Angola, and Garrett Harrington of Fremont; a companion, Carol Clouse of Fremont; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, William Harrington and Kenneth and Janice Harrington, all of Camden, Mich., Robert and Carol Harrington and Stephen and Sheryl Harrington, all of Angola, and Alvin and Sherri Harrington of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Joy and Joe Grotz of New York; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jim Mason officiating. Burial is in Covenanter Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Grace Stienbarger

ALBION — Grace Ann Stienbarger, 77, of Albion died at 7:29 a.m. Monday, March 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stienbarger moved to the area 57 years ago from Muncie.

She was a homemaker and a nurse. She retired from Irene Byron Health Center in Huntertown in 1991.

Mrs. Stienbarger loved cats, traveling and fish. She collected ceramic chickens and roosters.

She was born Nov. 27, 1930, in Muncie to Ralph and Mildred (Gordon) Conn. She married Robert Stienbarger on Nov. 25, 1950, in Albion. He survives.

Other survivors include four sons, Bob Stienbarger of Westville, Tim Stienbarger of Pendleton, Curt and Laura Stienbarger of Warsaw, and Eric and Carol Stienbarger of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mike Stienbarger; her parents; and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, 1008 E. South St., Albion, with the Rev. Benny Archer officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Donald Clingerman

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald E. Clingerman, 77, of Temecula, Calif., and formerly of Columbia City died Friday, March 14, 2008.

Mr. Clingerman was a steelworker. He retired in 1996 from IWP in California after 35 years of service. He had worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier in the 1960s and for the state and county highway departments in the 1950s.

He was born Aug. 21, 1930, in Ormas, Noble County, to William F. and Ella I. (Heintzelman) Clingerman. He married Ina Marie Long in 1949. His second marriage was to Linda Raper in 1966.

Surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Roberta and Jason Casanova of Temecula, Calif., Carla Jauregui of Redding, Calif., and Ruth Galla of Thelon, Calif.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald and Sharon Clingerman of Columbia City, David Clingerman of Silver Lake, and Daniel and Beth Raper of Paris, Calif.; five sisters, Ruth Douglas of Ormas, Jo Ann Marks of Huntsville, Ohio, Dixie "Sis" Nei of Columbia City, Nancy Wright of Florida and Mary Kay and Bud Walls of Warsaw; a brother, Tony and Janice Clingerman of Kimmell; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeff Raper; and two brothers, Benny F. and William Clingerman.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, with Pastor Karen Biddle of Etna United Methodist Church officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Clingerman family in care of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

To send family condolences or sign the guest book, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Michael Fiig

BUTLER — Michael Kenneth Fiig, 36, of Butler died Monday, March 17, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Fiig

Mr. Fiig was an avid NASCAR fan and loved to restore old cars. He also enjoyed wrestling. He was a 1990 graduate of Eastside High School. He was born July 10, 1971, in Bryan, Ohio.

He married Candy L. Swary on Dec. 29, 2000, and she survives in Butler.

Also surviving are his father, Michael Fiig of Edgerton, Ohio; his mother and stepfather, Alisia (Hernandez) and Michael Kaiser of Butler; six children, Dereck Michael Fiig and Dominic David Fiig of Auburn, and Tyler Hauk Hanna, Corynth Emeric Hanna, Gabriella Marie Hanna and Brandon Michael Samuel Fiig, all of Butler; a brother, David Charles Fiig of Butler; a stepbrother, Nathan Kaiser of Butler; paternal grandparents, Kenny and Dorothy Fiig of Edgerton; a stepgrandmother, Loretta Kaiser of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Shane Kaiser.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn, with Pastor David Snodderly officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Winifred Smith

GOSHEN — Winifred M. Smith, 91, of Goshen died Monday, March 17, 2008, at Greencroft Healthcare, Goshen.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith had lived in LaGrange County and the Goshen area her entire life.

She had been a homemaker and was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Goshen.

She was born Oct. 26, 1916, in LaGrange County to Ford and Lulu (Himes) Myers.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Donald Peeples of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Becky Middleton of Goshen and Mark and Susan Mock of Denver, Colo.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Patricia and Dennis Hover of Warsaw; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Betty Myers of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands, Clinton Middleton in 1944, Stanley Mock on Sept. 4, 1986, and Hubert H. Smith in June 2002; three brothers, Carl, Owen and Donald Myers; and a sister, Esther Woods.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Omer Nisley officiating. Burial will be in Osborn Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's United Methodist Church or Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Condolences are at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Richard Callaway

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Richard A. Callaway, 54, of Nettle Lake in rural Montpelier, Ohio, died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at 8:18 p.m. shortly after he was admitted to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mr. Callaway

Mr. Callaway was a 1972 graduate of Edon High School and served in the U.S. Army as a medical specialist. He spent many years working at Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, as a medical technician in the trauma unit and also worked as a real estate salesman in Newark, Ohio. Most recently, he worked with his brother as safety director at First Call Towing in Fremont.

He was instrumental in organizing the donation of the flag at the Northwest Township Community Hall on behalf of the Callaway family.

He was born Dec. 16, 1953, in Wyandotte, Mich., to William A. Sr. and Vala F. (Jackson) Callaway. They survive in Edon, Ohio.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kristen Callaway of Groveport, Ohio; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Patrick and Deborah Callaway of Edon, Ohio, and John and April Callaway of Fremont; one sister, Bonnie Long of Crawfordville, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Kathy Callaway, of Edon, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William A. Callaway Jr., in 2001.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Nathan Derico of the Columbia Church of Christ officiating. Interment will follow in Columbia Cemetery near Columbia, Ohio, with graveside military rites by the Edon post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Sally Schulz

ANGOLA — Sally Schulz, 58, of Angola died Monday, March 17, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Schulz worked at the Steuben County Council on Aging.

She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church.

She was born on May 28, 1949, in Chicago to Werner and Lucille (Anderson) Eichoefer.

She is survived by a brother, Gerald Eichoefer of Phoenixville, Pa.

There is no calling or services. Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Lewis Dickinson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lewis H. Dickinson, 88, of Wolcottville died Monday, March 17, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Dickinson was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He was a farmer and retired in 1983 after 24 years from Sealed Power Corp. in LaGrange.

He was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church, Methodist Men's Club, and a former director of the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1919, in Wolcottville to Ray and Maude (Culver) Dickinson. He married Mary Jane Ebey on Nov. 20, 1947, in Albion. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry H. and Kris Dickinson of LaGrange, and two grandsons, Brent N. Dickinson of Lafayette and Jason D. Dickinson of Fort Collins, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Eleanor Cureton and Lucile Skinner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

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Hazel Stanton

COLUMBIA CITY — Hazel C. Stanton, 85, of Columbia City died at 11:17 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Mrs. Stanton moved to Allen County in 1966 from Grafton, W.Va., and then moved to Whitley County in 1982.

She had worked at Container Corp. in Fort Wayne for 16 years, retiring in 1983.

Mrs. Stanton was a member of VFW Post 5582 Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 3, 1922, in Bruceton Mills, W.Va., to Charles T. and Martha M. (Glover) Collins. Her first husband, James C. Knight, preceded her in death. She then married Robert R. Stanton on May 11, 1973, in Van Wert, Ohio. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Charles and Claudia Knight of Round Rock, Texas, Richard A. and Kathy Knight of Albion and Keith C. and Carol Knight of Eau Claire, Wis.; three daughters, Patricia A. and Kenneth Foster of Columbia City, Karen S. Young of Lehigh Acres, Fla., and Linda and Richard Dignan of Warren, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Kenneth D. Foster II; three brothers, James, Alvin, Floyd and Harold Collins, and three sisters, Margaret Copeman, Gladys Weller and Mildred Collins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery at Columbia City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Parkview Whitley Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.demoneygrimes.com.

Benjamin Herschberger

TOPEKA — Benjamin "Ben" M. Herschberger, 83, of Topeka died at 2 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at his residence. He had been ill the past four years.

Mr. Herschberger was a farmer and a woodworker.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Oct. 10, 1924, in LaGrange County to Moses B. and Elizabeth (Miller) Herschberger. He married Lizzie S. Miller on Jan. 25, 1945, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters, Irene and LeRoy Mullett of LaGrange, Mattie and Aaron Schwartz of Seymour, Mo., Katie and John Knepp of Topeka, Linda Yoder of Shipshewana, Edith and William Knepp of LaGrange and Vera and Ben Bontrager of Topeka; four sons, Daniel and LeAnna Herschberger of LaGrange, John and Mary Herschberger of Topeka, Samuel and LeAnna Herschberger of Topeka, and David and Arlene Herschberger of Ligonier; 54 grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren, 101 great-grandchildren; 31 stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Nancy Kauffman of Greentown; and two brothers, David and Esther Herschberger of Kokomo and John and Viola Herschberger of Dalton, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Orval Yoder; five sisters; two grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the John C. Knepp residence, 1315 S. S.R. 5, Topeka, with Bishop Glenn Hostetler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after noon today and all day Thursday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Eugene Merriman

AUBURN — Eugene L. Merriman, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Merriman

Mr. Merriman was the owner of Custom Wood Products. He graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1939. He was retired from the U.S. Navy after serving from 1939 to 1959. He served aboard the light cruiser USS St. Louis and was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge as a 32nd degree Mason, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine, all in Fort Wayne, and Calvary United Methodist Church.

He was born May 18, 1921, in Huntington.

Surviving are his wife, E. Wanda (Brown) Merriman of Auburn; four daughters, Patricia Fleming of Auburn, Pamela Halterman of Garrett, Gay Lynn Martz of Ossian and Patty Ann Woodside of Wichita, Kan.; two brothers, Joe Merriman of Roanoke and Mark Merriman of Yoder; a sister, Janet Merriman of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur E. and Mildred (Eby) Merriman, and a brother, Max Merriman.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Classic Connection show choir of DeKalb High School.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information and to correct errors.*

Tracy Harrington

FREMONT — Tracy L. Harrington, 47, of Fremont died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Harrington

Mr. Harrington was a full-time garage salesman in Fremont for many years.

He had attended Quincy School. He enjoyed his friends in the coffee shop in Fremont in the mornings. He loved his children and family, watching Western movies, and the Speed Channel.

He was born May 14, 1960, in Bronson, Mich., to William and Phyllis Ilene (Ray) Harrington. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by three sons, Tyler Harrington of Angola, Jeff Welch of Angola, and Garrett Harrington of Fremont; a companion, Carol Clouse of Fremont; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, William Harrington and Kenneth and Janice Harrington, all of Camden, Mich., Robert and Carol Harrington of Montgomery, Mich., Stephen and Sheryl Harrington, and Barry and Beverly Harrington, all of Angola, and Alvin and Sherri Harrington of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Joy and Joe Grotz of Elmira, N.Y.; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jim Mason officiating. Burial will be in Covenanter Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information about a surviving relative.*

Michael Fiig

BUTLER — Michael Kenneth Fiig, 36, of Butler died Monday, March 17, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Fiig

Mr. Fiig was an avid NASCAR fan and loved to restore old cars. He also enjoyed wrestling. He was a 1990 graduate of Eastside High School. He was born July 10, 1971, in Bryan, Ohio.

He married Candy L. Swary on Dec. 29, 2000, and she survives in Butler.

Also surviving are his father, Kenneth Michael Fiig of Edgerton, Ohio; his mother and stepfather, Alisia (Hernandez) and Michael Kaiser of Butler; six children, Dereck Michael Fiig and Dominic David Fiig of Auburn, and Tyler Hauk Hanna, Corynth Emeric Hanna, Gabriella Marie Hanna and Brandon Michael Samuel Fiig, all of Butler; a brother, David Charles Fiig of Butler; a stepbrother, Nathan Kaiser of Butler; paternal grandparents, Kenny and Dorothy Fiig of Edgerton; a stepgrandmother, Loretta Kaiser of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Shane Kaiser.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn, with Pastor David Snodderly officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Charlotte Tompkins

NEW CASTLE — Charlotte M. Platt Tompkins, 74, of New Castle died Sunday, March 16, 2008, in Lakeland, Fla., after a brief illness.

She was a wife and mother.

Surviving are her husband, Haskel Tompkins, three children, John, Victoria, and Teresa Platt; two stepdaughters, Linda Creek and Marabeth Knisley; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Corine Swain of Loganville, Ga., and Eloise Jeffery of Dausman, Wis.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Macer-Hall Funeral Home, 600 S. Main St., New Castle, with the Rev. Charles Dugger officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn

Online condolences may be posted at www.macerhall.com.

Martha Ray

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Martha J. "Jane" Ray, 85, of Defiance, Ohio, died Monday, March 17, 2008, at Defiance Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Ray was a manager at Ranchland Motor Inn, and worked at Laurels Nursing Home as a cook.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary No. 7205 in Angola, where she served as a past president.

She was born on Feb. 22, 1923, to Alvin Silvers and Ethel Mae Leeth, who both preceded her in death. She married George Ray in 1947. He preceded her in death in 1999.

She is survived by five sons and three daughters-in-law, James Carter of Alabama, Roger and Pat Ray, and George Jr. and Janice Ray, all of Defiance, Kevin and Linda Ray of Bryan, Ohio, and Michael Ray of Fremont; six daughters and five sons-in-law, Judith and Jerry Staub of Fort Wayne, Georgienne and Donald Westrick, Patricia Ray, and Barbara and Dan Kniesley, all of Defiance, Shirley and Dan Milliman of Fremont, and Tamera and Scott Buckley of Houston; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lester and Betty Silvers of Lake City, Fla., and Alvin and Judy Silvers of Knoxville; 20 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Carter, in 1949; a son, Jack Carter; one granddaughter; one grandson; and two sisters, Dorothy Mae Silvers and Helen Milewski.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Defiance.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or the Defiance County Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 19, 2008, Wednesday

Barbara Susannah Uhl, 93

ALBION - Barbara Susannah Uhl, 93, died Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 AM at Tanglewood Assisted Living in Mishawaka, Indiana. She had been ill for two years.

She was born Barbara Susannah Bryant on November 10, 1914 in Miami County, Indiana to Sidney E. and Mary (Mohler) Bryant. She spent most of her life in Albion, and the Noble County area while spending her winters in Winter Haven, Florida.

She graduated from Albion High School in the Class of 1932.

She married George E. Buckles in 1934 , he died on June 7, 1951. She then married Frank W. Uhl in 1953, he died on July 20, 1981.

She was a homemaker, and a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. Mrs. Uhl enjoyed reading, poetry, crocheting and cooking. When in Florida, she was a Sunday School teacher at several churches.

In 1995 she moved to Granger, Indiana to be near her only child, Linda (Buckles) Swinehart, who survives with her husband, Don Swinehart; three grandchildren, Perry Swinehart of Elkhart, Donita Clark of Elkhart and Scott Swinehart of Mishawaka; and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Uhl were March 14, 2008 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church or Granger Missionary Church.

To send online condolences, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Wendell B. Noaker, 77

ALBION – Wendell B. Noaker, 77, a resident of Albion, died at 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Hickory Creek at Kendallville. He had been in declining health since October, and had entered the nursing home on February 29.

Mr. Noaker was born on July 8, 1930 in Detroit, a son of Mervin and Florence (Burkman) Noaker, and spent his formative years in Wayland, Michigan.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, and was married in Breedsville, Michigan on February 24, 1983 to Anna L. Gray. The couple lived for 13 years in Bangor, Michigan before moving to Noble County in 1996.

Employed as the director of engineering at Du-Wel Metal Products in Bangor, Michigan, he retired from there in 1995 after 33 years.

The surviving relatives include his wife Anna; four daughters Sandra (Mitchell) Wells of Allegan, MI; Nancy Noaker of Lynchburg, VA, Lana Jackson of Albion and Jill (Jeff) Lash of Columbia City; a son Wendell Roger Noaker of Orlando, FL; a sister Ruth Pincomb of Avon Park, FL; three brothers Wayne R. (Lois) Noaker of Avon Park, FL, Lloyd C. (Beth) Noaker of Wakarusa and David E. (Carol) Noaker of Orlando, FL; and eight grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by twin sons Ronald Noaker and Donald Noaker; a daughter Dorothy Noaker; a brother Dan M. Noaker; and by a sister Wanda McDonald.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2008, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Lyle Calkins, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service Thursday afternoon.

Interment with military graveside rites will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 111 E. Ludwig Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Noaker's memory, please log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
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March 19, 2008, Wednesday

Junior Phillips, 63

KENDALLVILLE – Junior Phillips, age 63, of Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne..

Mr. Phillips was born in War, West Virginia on May 7, 1944 to Ocie Frazier and Evelyn (Phillips) Frazier.

He married Mary J. Powell on December 22, 1970 in Lovington, Virginia.

Mr. Phillips was a coal miner for 15 years for several different companies in West Virginia and Virginia. He then worked for the Kendallville Foundry for 20 years after moving to Indiana.

He loved to fish, and in his younger years he enjoyed hunting. Mr. Phillips also enjoyed gardening and yard work. He Loved to be with family and good friends.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary J. (Powell) Phillips of Kendallville; one son, Junior W. (Brandy) Phillips II of LaOtto; one daughter; Melissa L. (George) Jordan of Kendallville; two grandchildren; Tia C. Phillips and Isreal P. Jordan; one sister; Sarah (Robert) Gannon of Avilla; two brothers; William Frazier of Kendallville and Ocie Frazier of War, WV; two half brothers; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, one sister and one half sister.

Preferred Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Edward Smith Sr., 79

AVILLA — Edward Franklin "Ed" Smith Sr., 79, died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at his residence in Avilla.

Mr. Smith had spent 40 years of his life in the Noble County area and had been a farmer for 59 years.

He graduated from Columbia City High School in the class of 1946.

Mr. Smith enjoyed spending time with his family. He will be remembered as good-hearted and hard working.

He was a member of the Eagles Aerie No. 1906 in Columbia City and the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Smith was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He was born Nov. 12, 1928, in Ormas to Chauncey and Rozella (Schnetzler) Smith. He married Janis Marie Riecke on Feb. 19, 1949. She preceded him in death on Oct. 16, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward F. Jr. and Vicki Smith of Avilla; eight daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Thomas Myers, Teresa and Howard Eicher, Rita and Lloyd Treesh and Connie and Mitch Blotkamp, all of Avilla, Rose and Tim Schafer of Fort Wayne, Mary Kay and Vincent Helmkamp of Kendallville, Doris and John Hartman of Fort Wayne and Susan and Mark Hartman of Columbia City; grandchildren, Lucy Smith, Sylvia Smith, Jennifer Lemen, Joseph Myers, Alaina Eicher, Andrea Harmeyer, Amy Eicher, Sarah Tyler, Katie Haas, Ryan Treesh, Angie Kiracofe, Jill Dunkel, Todd Helmkamp, Beth Lunz, Brian Hartman, Jody Hartman, Matthew Hartman and Tiffany Mason; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Ivan Blaugh of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Janet Kile of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Gayle Kile of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three infant children, Joseph, Carol and Rebecca; a brother, Larry Kile; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla Tyler.

Services were held March 15, 2008 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. The Father Edward Erpelding officiated. Burial took place in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church or School and Masses to the church.

Send condolences to the family at brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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ALBION NEW ERA
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Robert Edwards, 80

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert Harry Edwards, 80, of Shriner Lake near Columbia City died Monday, March 10, 2008, at his home on Shriner Lake.

Mr. Edwards had been a farmer in his younger days and was employed with J.O. Mory. He went on to own and operate Edwards Heating & Plumbing during the early 1970s. Later he was a custodian for Noble County government offices in Albion.

He served as a Kendallville volunteer firefighter for many years.

Mr. Edwards was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church both in Kendallville and Columbia City.

He was a United States Army Air Corps veteran and served his country during World War II.

Mr. Edwards loved spending time with and teasing his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and attending all of their activities. He loved to go fishing and share his fish stories, and enjoyed woodworking and making Christmas gifts for his family.

He was a big Purdue fan and looked forward to daily walks with his best friend and neighbor, Porky.

He was born Oct. 16, 1927, in Kendallville to Burl and Glendora (Weidman) Edwards. He first married Elmo Lucille Housholder on Aug. 10, 1947, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She died in 1983. He then married Vivian Alice Marshall on June 14, 1984, at his residence on Shriner Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Liz Edwards of Fort Wayne, Peggy and Randy Musolff of Sturgis, Mich., and Paula and Shaun Clarke of Oscoda, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Carolyn Edwards of Kendallville; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Deb and Jim Straub and Cheryl and Steve Mangan, all of Columbia City; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Vada Shepherd of Kendallville; and a brother, Gene Edwards of Corpus Christi, Texas.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim and John Edwards, and a sister, Doris Gose.

Services were held March 13, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Pastor Tim Kumfer of Big Lake Church of God, Columbia City, officiated. Judge Robert Probst gave his eulogy. Burial took place at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers were Gary Hite, Jason Hite, Michael Masters, Ashley Straub, Adam Straub, Aric Straub and Andy Straub.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association, the American Heart Association or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Raymond Gene Mettert, 73

CHURUBUSCO – Raymond Gene Mettert, 73, a resident of Churubusco, died at 8:16 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had battled a heart condition for many years and had been hospitalized since March 1.

Mr. Mettert was born on November 21, 1934 in Fort Wayne, a son of Alvey Kenneth and Mabel (Worman) Mettert. He spent his formative years there.

On June 12, 1954 he was married in Fort Wayne to Carol J. Lamley, and spent the early years of his marriage there until moving to rural Roanoke in 1963. The couple later lived at Big Lake for several years until moving into Churubusco six years ago.

An employee of Zollner Corporation in Fort Wayne for 32 years, he retired from their maintenance department in 1990. In his leisure time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending summers at their cottage in Osage, Minn. Most importantly, he loved and enjoyed his family.

The surviving relatives include his wife Carol, to whom he was married for over 54 years; a son Steven R. (Karla) Mettert of Churubusco; a daughter Sandra (Bradley) Scare of Kendallville; two brothers Don (Mona) Mettert of Fort Wayne and Tom (Lottie) Mettert of Osage, Minn; two sisters Claretta (Owen) Nuttle and Helen (Dale) Archbold, both of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law Lois Turner of FL; four grandchildren - Christopher (Kim) Mettert, Alan (Elizabeth) Mettert, Brandy (Ryan) Mizik and Hillary Scare; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers Henry Mettert and Robert Mettert.

Funeral services were held March 17, 2008 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Father Danney Pinto, Pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church officiated.

Interment will be in the Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the American Heart Associationm 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 19, 2008, Wednesday

Nancy K. Green, 59

CHURUBUSCO – Nancy K. Green, 59, a resident of rural Churubusco and wife of Jack L. Green, died at 6:25 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2008, in the comfort of her home following a valiant 15 year battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

Mrs. Green was born in Fort Wayne on May 7, 1948, a daughter of Robert B. "*Beanv*" and Erin a. "*Mick*" (Neufer) Schenher. She spent her formative years in the Churubusco-area. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1966 and later earned her R.N. from IPFW in 1968.

Following her college graduation she worked for a year as a Vista volunteer in Oklahoma, was married at Ege on August 7, 1971 to Jack L. Green, and spent most of her life on the family farm west of Churubusco. Employed as a nurse in the office of Dr. Linus Minnick in Churubusco for over ten years, she also worked as a postal carrier at the U.S. Post Office in Churubusco, and later did painting along with her father.

A member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege, she was its CCD director for several years. She was a great Chicago Cubs baseball fan, enjoyed all kinds of yard work and gardening, and enjoyed taking walks. Next to her Heavenly Father, her family was the most important thing in her life, and she loved and cherished time spent with them.

The surviving relatives include her loving and caring husband Jack; three children Jon (Angie) Green of Churubusco, Emily Green of St. Louis, MO and Brett "*Andy*" (Tara) Green of Churubusco; her in-laws John William "*Bill*" and Almetta Green of Churubusco; three brothers Stan (Linda) Schenher of Indianapolis, Jeff (Vicki) Schenher and Curt (Dawn) Schenher both of Churubusco; two sisters Susie (Eric) Johnson of Elk Grove, CA and Sally (Jim) Panyard of Angola; and three grandchildren Jessie Green, Allison Green and Katelyn Green.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter Leslie E. Green on June 28, 1993.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 19, 2008 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege. Father Danney Pinto was the celebrant.

Interment took place in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of arrangements.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Leslie Green Scholarship fund or to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Green's memory, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Eldon D. Shrock, 97

AMBOY – Eldon D. Shrock, 97, 119 North Poplar, Amboy, IN passed away Friday, March 14, 2008 at 8:20 a.m. at Millers Merry Manor, Peru, IN.

He was born January 7, 1911 in Miami County the son of Elmer J. and Nora (Troyer) Shrock. Eldon married Marjorie (Stevens) Shrock in Huntington, IN on March 31, 1934 and she preceded him in death September 6, 1996.

Eldon graduated from Amboy High School in 1929 and was employed as a mill foreman at the Amboy Grain Company until his retirement in 1975.

Eldon was a life long Miami County resident. He and his wife Marjorie lovingly raised four children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the Amboy Friends Church. He was also a life member of the Marion Moose Lodge.

Survivors include a daughter Marlene (Norman) Dunn of Peru, IN; sons James (Judy) Shrock of Albion, Larry (Pam) Shrock of Peru and Michael (Susanna) of Swayzee; grandchildren Jason (Karen) Shrock, Joel (Kelly) Shrock, James (Rachael) Shrock, Judy (Troy) Bender, Joseph (Toni) Dunn, Julie Dunn, Steven (Beth) Dunn, Kathy (Bruce) Lesley, Crystal Ribble, Jeff Shrock, Chad Shrock, Scott Novak Aaron (Angie) Shrock, Stacia (Eric) Wegert; step-grandchildren Michael (Tiffianey) Taylor and Meredith (Shane) Dittfield; thirty-one great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

A service celebrating the life of Eldon D. Shrock was held March 17, 2008 at the Amboy Friends Church with the burial taking place at Park Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy Friends Church.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 19, 2008, Wednesday

Grace Ann Steinbarger, 77

ALBION - Grace Ann Stienbarger, 77, of Albion, died Monday, March 17, 2008 at 7:29 AM at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born November 27, 1930 in Muncie to Ralph and Mildred (Gordon) Conn. She has been an area resident for 57 years, coming from Muncie. On November 25, 1950 she married Robert Stienbarger, he survives in Albion.

She was a homemaker most of her life, but also a nurse. She retired from Irene Byron Health Center in Huntertown in 1991. Mrs. Stienbarger was a lover of cats, traveling and fish. She also collected ceramic chickens and roosters.

Other survivors include sons, Bob Stienbarger of Westville, Tim Stienbarger of Pendleton, Curt (Laura) Stienbarger of Warsaw, and Eric (Carol) Stienbarger of Kendallville. 10 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren.

She is preceeded in death by a son, Mike Stienbarger, her parents and three brothers.

Funeral services for Mrs. Stienbarger will be Friday, March 21, 2008 at 1:00 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, 1008 E. South St., Albion. Rev. Benny Archer will officiate. Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 PM on Thursday at the church.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Donald Clingerman, 77

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald E. Clingerman, 77, of Temecula, Calif., and formerly of Columbia City died Friday, March 14, 2008.

Mr. Clingerman was a steelworker. He retired in 1996 from IWP in California after 35 years of service. He had worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier in the 1960s and for the state and county highway departments in the 1950s.

He was born Aug. 21, 1930, in Ormas, Noble County, to William F. and Ella I. (Heintzelman) Clingerman. He married Ina Marie Long in 1949. His second marriage was to Linda Raper in 1966.

Surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Roberta and Jason Casanova of Temecula, Calif., Carla Jauregui of Redding, Calif., and Ruth Galla of Thelon, Calif.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald and Sharon Clingerman of Columbia City, David Clingerman of Silver Lake, and Daniel and Beth Raper of Paris, Calif.; five sisters, Ruth Douglas of Ormas, Jo Ann Marks of Huntsville, Ohio, Dixie "Sis" Nei of Columbia City, Nancy Wright of Florida and Mary Kay and Bud Walls of Warsaw; a brother, Tony and Janice Clingerman of Kimmell; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeff Raper; and two brothers, Benny F. and William Clingerman.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, with Pastor Karen Biddle of Etna United Methodist Church officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Clingerman family in care of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

To send family condolences or sign the guest book, visit www.demoney-grimes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 19, 2008, Wednesday

Doris Ellen Taylor, 73

BEAR LAKE – Doris Ellen Taylor, 73, of Bear Lake & Nokomis, FL, died on Friday March 14, 2008, at Venice Regional Hospital in Venice, Florida. She had battled cancer for several years.

She was born in Columbia City on December 29,1934, to Gerald and Golda Egolf.

On December 29,1953, she was married to Jimmie K. Taylor in Angola and prior to retirement they spent most of their years of marriage at their Bear Lake home. After retirement, they spent their winters in Nokomis, Florida.

An employee of Central Noble School Corporation for 23 years, she retired from the transportation department as a school bus driver in 1989. In her leisure time she enjoyed crafting gourds, reading and spending time with her family.

Doris attended the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church. She enjoyed coaching girls softball and was an officer of the Wolf Lake Baseball/ Softball Association. She also was a member of the Wolf Lake Park Board, a Board member of the East Shore Conservancy and member of the Florida and Indiana Gourd Society.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmie, two daughters and sons-in-law, Jamie (Brian) Hull of Syracuse, Susan (Jeff) Ladig of Kimmell, and a son, Mike Taylor of Cromwell; grandchildren Kris and Daphne Knox, Amy Knox, Amanda Ladig, Zane Ladig, Brittney Taylor, Andrew Taylor and Samantha Taylor; great-grandchildren, Kirstin and Kolby Knox and Wesley Taylor Prentice; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert & Judy Egolf of Fort Meyers FL.

In addition to her parents, a brother, Joseph Egolf, preceded her in death.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on May 10th at the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Wolf Lake, IN.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Wolf Lake Free Health Clinic, care of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 64, Wolf Lake IN.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 20, 2008, Thursday

George Capen

AUBURN — George A. Capen, 98, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Capen

Mr. Capen worked as an engineer for Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne for 31 years, retiring in 1975. While he was at Magnavox, his engineering team developed the first television set.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, where he volunteered.

During World War II, he was in the U.S. Signal Corps, serving in Panama.

His hobby was collecting and restoring old radios. He also loved genealogy, tracing the Capen family back to 1592.

He was born Feb. 3, 1910, in Auburn to Robert Claude and Anna Maude (Baird) Capen.

He married Dorothy L. Tomer on Nov. 12, 1942, in Auburn. She died Jan. 14, 2003.

Surviving are three nieces and their husbands, Judith Lantz of Auburn, Jean and Charles Vose of Auburn and Jill and Steve Oswalt of Florida; and two nephews, Robert Capen of Pennsylvania and John Capen of California.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles, Stanley, James and Franklin Capen; a nephew, James Capen; a niece, Nancy Capen; and a nephew-in-law, Larry Lantz.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. O. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum.

Rosina Drew

AUBURN — Rosina Drew, 79, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Drew

Mrs. Drew was a homemaker, a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and a past member of the Legion of Mary. She was a Red Cross volunteer and a member of the Christmas Bureau and UAW retirees' group.

She was born Aug. 14, 1928, in Newark, N.J., to Angelo and Josephine (Scarpa) D'Alessio. They preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth Ivan Drew Sr. on Nov. 23, 1946, in Newark, N.J. He died April 25, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Ivan Drew Jr. and Anita Drew, and Michael A. and Darla Drew, all of Auburn; two daughters, Cynthia Ann Hoffelder of Lakeland, Fla., and Ramona Fay Drew of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Angela and Dean Reeve, Richard and Beth Drew, Jennifer and Travis Bowman, Carl Drew, James and Cathy Drew, Carolyn Drew and Andrew Gaier, Kevin and Sarah Drew, Adam Drew, Thomas Hoffelder, and Katrina and Daniel Stearsman; 23 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Stella Moran of New Jersey and Josephine DiCandia of North Carolina; and one brother and sister-in-law, Antonio and Margret D'Alessio of New Jersey.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Spinola and Anna LePore, and four brothers, Samuel D'Alessio, Phillip D'Alessio, Anthony Velardi and Angelo F. D'Alessio Sr.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

The rosary will be recited Monday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery Fund.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 20, 2008, Thursday

Donna Myers

AUBURN — Donna Jean Myers, 80, of Auburn died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at her home.

She had lived in Noble County most of her life and was a 1945 graduate of Avilla High School. She and her husband, Lee, moved to Auburn in 1999.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker.

She enjoyed traveling, quilting and spending time with her family.

She was born Dec. 4, 1927, in Green Township, Noble County, to Lloyd and Hazel (Snell) Schaefer. She married Lee A. Myers at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Swan Township on March 20, 1948. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Marilyn Myers of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Thomas Wick of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Joe and Alexis Myers, Jennifer and David Lemen and Roger and Kelly Walburn; and a brother, Gale Schaefer of Churubusco.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Roger Luttman

HUDSON — Roger A. Luttman, 73, of Jacksonville, Fla., and formerly of Hudson, died Friday, March 14, 2008, in Jacksonville.

Mr. Luttman taught mathematics at the Avon Park Correctional Institution.

He was a member of the Highlands Regional Medical Care Auxiliary and the Sebring First United Methodist Church.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1934, in Hudson to Jennings and Beatrice Luttman, who both preceded him in death. He married Marcia Allen Luttman, who also preceded him in death.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Alicia Luttman of Portland, Texas, and Erich and Susan Luttman of Bushnell, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn and Michael McCarthy of Davis, Calif., and Adele and Kenneth Mason of Jacksonville; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A service was held at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Steuben County Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to include additional information.*

Grace Stienbarger

ALBION — Grace Ann Stienbarger, 77, of Albion died at 7:29 a.m. Monday, March 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stienbarger moved to the area 57 years ago from Muncie.

She was a homemaker and a nurse. She retired from Irene Byron Health Center in Huntertown in 1991.

She had been an active member for 47 years of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic.

Mrs. Stienbarger loved traveling, fishing and spending time with her family.

She was born Nov. 27, 1930, in Muncie to Ralph and Mildred (Gordon) Conn. She married Robert Stienbarger on Nov. 25, 1950, in Albion. He survives.

Other survivors include four sons, Bob Stienbarger of Westville, Tim and Sally Stienbarger of Albion, Curt and Laura Stienbarger of Warsaw, and Eric and Carol Stienbarger of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Nina Stienbarger; a foster child, Sandy Schmuck; 17 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mike Stienbarger; her parents; and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, 1008 E. South St., Albion, with the Rev. Benny Archer officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 20, 2008, Thursday

Patricia Hullinger

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia A. Hullinger, 66, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hullinger was a homemaker.

She was born on June 28, 1941, in Plymouth to Lewis and Margaret (Lowe) Klingerman. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Mike Hullinger of Pleasant Lake and Mark Hullinger of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Scott Van Auken of Pleasant Lake; four grandchildren, Melinda, Kara, Lana and Haven Van Auken; two brothers, Terry Klingerman of Fort Wayne and Ray Klingerman of Orland; a sister, Linda and Gene Spillers of Live Oak, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Robert Pairan; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Trudy Pairan.

There will be no services.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Leona Kerr

FORT WAYNE — Leona I. Kerr, 94, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kerr had been employed at Wolf & Dessauer for 20 years and had sold Stanley Home Products for 30 years.

She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church.

She was born April 18, 1913, in Elkhart County.

Surviving are a son, Roland Kerr of Wolcottville; a daughter, Marjorie Mills; 11 grandchildren; and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert O. Kerr; two daughters, and a son.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, with Pastor Chad Trouten officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bethany Lutheran Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Sally Schulz

ANGOLA — Sally Schulz, 58, of Angola died Monday, March 17, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Schulz worked at the Steuben County Council on Aging.

She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church.

She was born on May 28, 1949, in Chicago to Werner and Lucille (Anderson) Eichhoefer.

She is survived by a brother, Gerald Eichhoefer of Phoenixville, Pa.

There are no calling hours or services.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 20, 2008, Thursday

Doris Taylor

BEAR LAKE — Doris Ellen Taylor, 73, of Bear Lake and Nokomis, Fla., died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Venice Regional Hospital in Venice, Fla. She had battled cancer for several years.

Mrs. Taylor had been employed with the Central Noble School Corp. for 23 years and retired in 1989 as a school bus driver from its transportation department.

She enjoyed crafting gourds, reading, spending time with her family and wintering in Nokomis.

Mrs. Taylor enjoyed coaching softball teams and was an officer of the Wolf Lake Baseball/Softball Association. She was a member of the Wolf Lake Park Board, the Florida and Indiana Gourd societies and served on the board of the East Shore Conservancy.

Mrs. Taylor attended Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 29, 1934, in Columbia City to Gerald and Golda Egolf. She married Jimmie K. Taylor on Dec. 29, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jamie and Brian Hull of Syracuse and Susan and Jeff Ladig of Kimmell; a son, Mike Taylor of Cromwell; grandchildren, Kris and Daphne Knox, Amy Knox, Amanda Ladig, Zane Ladig, Brittney Taylor, Andrew Taylor and Samantha Taylor; great-grandchildren, Kirstin and Kolby Knox and Wesley Prentice; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Judy Egolf of Fort Myers, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Joseph Egolf.

Services will be Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake Free Health Clinic in care of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 64, Wolf Lake, IN 46796.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 20, 2008, Thursday

Samuel Bloomfield

SYRACUSE — Samuel W. Bloomfield, 90, of Syracuse died at 9:15 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2008, in Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

He was a Syracuse area resident for more than 60 years, and worked in maintenance at Essex Wire in Ligonier.

He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, a member of The Vinyard Community Church in Syracuse and enjoyed carpentry, working in his yard and playing poker.

In Kendallville on Oct. 11, 1917, he was born to Earl and Mary (Drew) Bloomfield. He married Myra E. Hendrickson. She survives.

Also surviving are: two sons, Curtis Bloomfield, San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Byron Bloomfield, Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Carleen Peachey, Syracuse; two sisters, Agnus Tutwiler, of Ohio, and Delores Goble, of Michigan; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were: his parents; a son, Steve Bloomfield; a daughter, Karen Adkins; three brothers, Sherman, Earl Jr. and Louis Bloomfield; and two sisters, Geraldine Goble and Vivi Hawk.

Graveside services with full military honors were Wednesday in Bethel Cemetery, Syracuse, with Pastor Kent Butcher officiating.

Memorials are to The Vineyard Community Church, 1012N S.R. 13, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Pergrem

LIGONIER — Virginia L. Pergrem, 90, of Ligonier died at 1:50 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008, at the Maples of Waterford Crossing Nursing Home in Goshen.

Mrs. Pergrem had moved to the Ligonier area in 1936 from Michigan.

She retired from Monsanto in Ligonier after 15 years of service where she had been one of the company's first foreladies.

She enjoyed knitting, gardening and ceramics.

Mrs. Pergrem was a 1936 graduate of Burr Oak High School in Burr Oak, Mich.

She was born Feb. 22, 1918, in Chicago to Roy and Catherine (Sheely) McDaniels. She married Heraldon Layton Pergrem on June 1, 1938, in Goshen. He died June 13, 1993.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Layton L. and Cynthia Pergrem and H. Royd Pergrem, all of Syracuse; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded by her parents; a sister, Phyllis Smith; and a brother, Ira McDaniels.

Graveside services were Tuesday in Oak Park Cemetery at Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Care at Home Hospice, P.O. Box 723, Goshen, IN 46526 or Greencroft Foundation Parkinson's Support Group, P.O. Box 819, Goshen, IN 46527.

Send condolences to the family at www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 20, 2008, Thursday

Benjamin Herschberger

TOPEKA — Benjamin "Ben" M. Herschberger, 83, of Topeka died at 2 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at his residence. He had been ill the past four years.

Mr. Herschberger was a farmer and a woodworker.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Oct. 10, 1924, in LaGrange County to Moses B. and Elizabeth (Miller) Herschberger. He married Lizzie S. Miller on Jan. 25, 1945, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters, Irene and LeRoy Mullett of LaGrange, Mattie and Aaron Schwartz of Seymour, Mo., Katie and John Knepp of Topeka, Linda Yoder of Shipshewana, Edith and William Knepp of LaGrange and Vera and Ben Bontrager of Topeka; four sons, Daniel and LeAnna Herschberger of LaGrange, John and Mary Herschberger of Topeka, Samuel and LeAnna Herschberger of Topeka, and David and Arlene Herschberger of Ligonier; 54 grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren, 101 great-grandchildren; 31 step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Nancy Kauffman of Greentown; and two brothers, David and Esther Herschberger of Kokomo and John and Viola Herschberger of Dalton, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Orval Yoder; five sisters; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the John C. Knepp residence, 1315 S. S.R. 5, Topeka, with Bishop Glenn Hostetler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be all day Thursday (today) at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Donald Clingerman

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald E. Clingerman, 77, of Temecula, Calif., and formerly of Columbia City died Friday, March 14, 2008.

Mr. Clingerman was a steelworker. He retired in 1996 from IWP in California after 35 years of service. He had worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier in the 1960s and for the state and county highway departments in the 1950s.

He was born Aug. 21, 1930, in Ormas, Noble County, to William F. and Ella I. (Heintzelman) Clingerman. He married Ina Marie Long in 1949. His second marriage was to Linda Raper in 1966.

Surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Roberta and Jason Casanova of Temecula, Calif., Carla Jauregui of Redding, Calif., and Ruth Galla of Thelon, Calif.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald and Sharon Clingerman of Columbia City, David Clingerman of Silver Lake, and Daniel and Beth Raper of Paris, Calif.; five sisters, Ruth Douglas of Ormas, Jo Ann Marks of Huntsville, Ohio, Dixie "Sis" Nei of Columbia City, Nancy Wright of Florida and Mary Kay and Bud Walls of Warsaw; a brother, Tony and Janice Clingerman of Kimmell; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeff Raper; and two brothers, Benny F. and William Clingerman.

Graveside services were Saturday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, with Pastor Karen Biddle of Etna United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials are to the Clingerman family in care of DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

To send family condolences or sign the guest book, visit www.demoneygrimes.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 21, 2008, Friday

Robyn Ihrie

COLUMBIA CITY — Robyn A. Ihrie, 71, of Columbia City died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Ihrie was an artist and poet.

Ms. Ihrie

She was born in Fort Wayne to James R. and Anna Ihrie.

She is survived by five children and three spouses, Aimee and Gary Howe of Woodburn, Renee Ward of Fort Wayne, Andree and Tom Workman of Orland, Hollee Garland of Fort Wayne, and Matthew and Frankie Gagnon of New Haven; sisters, Rita Harper and Tana Moses; brother, Bob Ihrie; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

No services will be held.

Memorials are to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven.

Burton Woodroof

FORT WAYNE — Burton M. Woodroof, 83, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Woodroof retired in 1984 from Slater Steel after 27 years of service.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Mr. Woodroof held memberships in several organizations including the American Legion and the Scottish Rite. He was also a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

He was born Sept. 2, 1924, in Muncie.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; a daughter, Deborah Woodroof of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Elaine and Jack Drummond and Priscilla Becker, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., Krauss Chapel. Burial will be private.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Thelma Smeltzer

LIGONIER — Thelma M. Smeltzer, 86, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 20, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Bessie Eash

GOSHEN — Bessie K. Eash, 91, of Goshen died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008, at Greencroft Health Care Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Eash was a homemaker.

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Middlebury.

Mrs. Eash

She was born Aug. 12, 1916, in Wakarusa to John and Mae (Richmond) Hoover. She married William G. Eash on Aug. 7, 1937.

Surviving are four daughters, Estella and Claude Butler of Goshen, Ruth Seidner of Millersburg, Wanda and Billy Mickles of Wolcottville and Katherine Kilmer of Goshen; 16 grandchildren, numerous great-grand- and great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Donna Yoder of Mescodate, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Alison Hart; two sons-in-law, Keith Kilmer and Paul Seidner; and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Donald Chesher officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Sarah Lung

GARRETT — Sarah I. "Izzy" Lung, 81, of Garrett died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lung worked at Wyatt's Hardware and then at Essex Wire until her retirement in 1972. She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born May 26, 1926, in North Judson to Harry W. and Octava (Geyer) Kelley.

She married Lawrence H. "Pete" Lung on May 18, 1946. He died Nov. 22, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Richard Muzzillo of Angola; three sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Angela Lung and Larry and Jody Lung, all of Garrett, and Paul and Anita Degrasse of Clinton, N.C.; a brother, Harry Kelley of Angola; two sisters, Audrey Beaty of Angola and Linda Mann of Pleasant Lake; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Harold Kelley; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Jim Lilley will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday, April 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

To sign an online guestbook or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Ruth Neate

FORT WAYNE — Ruth E. Neate, 83, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at Woodview HealthCare in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Neate

She was born on Sept. 22, 1924, to James and Lou Francis (Stocker) Thomas in Garrard County, Ky.

Surviving are three daughters, Joyce Walker, Ruth Cox and Nancy Moore; two sons, Paul Pritchard and Duke Shearer; three sisters, Pauline Shearer, Mildred Webb and Elizabeth McMann; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter, Gingie Wilson.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with burial at Highland Park Cemetery and Mausoleum.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services.

Viola Jones

LAGRANGE — Viola Timm Jones, 92, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 20, 2008, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Formerly of LaPorte, Mrs. Jones was a member of First United Methodist Church of LaGrange, a former member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in LaPorte and a member of the Martha Circle.

Mrs. Jones was born in Michigan City on July 30, 1915, to Martin and Lela (Ford) Timm. She worked for Swanson & Swanson Insurance in LaPorte. She married Harry F. Jones on Sept. 20, 1935, in South Bend. Mr. Jones preceded his wife in death on June 15, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert H. and Carla Jones of LaGrange; two granddaughters; Shannon L. McElroy and Keri E. Gayes; a grandson, Matthew Chavlovich; two great-granddaughters; and a daughter-in-law, Nancy Jones-Metuchen of New Jersey.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Jones is preceded in death by a son, Donald F. Jones.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Cutler Funeral Home in LaPorte with Reverend Chris Danielson officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

The family asks that memorials be sent to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in LaPorte, the First Methodist Church Music Department of LaGrange and the Lance Armstrong Foundation, National Mail Processing Center, P.O. Box 6003, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Online condolences may be left at www.cutlerfuneral.com

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Thelma Smeltzer

LIGONIER — Thelma Mae Smeltzer, 86, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 20, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Smeltzer worked as a machine operator at Webster Wire in North Webster for over 25 years. She retired in 1998. She was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Smeltzer was born on May 16, 1921, in Greenville, Mich., to Lilah Galbraith. She married Charles W. Taylor on Sept. 3, 1938. Mr. Taylor preceded her death in 1958. She then married Carl C. Smeltzer on March 14, 1958. Mr. Smeltzer died in 1976.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law; William Taylor, Richard and Helen Taylor of Syracuse, David and Kim Smeltzer of Birch Tree, Mo., and Mark and Cindy Smeltzer of Elkhart; two daughters and a son-in-law, Shirley and Duane Baxter of Bremen, and Ruth Ann Haggard of Ligonier; 16 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, Mrs. Smeltzer was also preceded in death by her mother and son-in-law, Jerry Haggard.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials may be made to Eden Worship Center.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Edward Neumann

KENDALLVILLE — Edward J. Neumann, 86, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 20, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Neumann was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy, and a member of the Seabees. He was also a member of the American Legion and VFW.

He was born in Fort Wayne on May 28, 1921, to Peter and Amelia (Reinking) Neumann. He worked for over 40 years at Kunkle Valve.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law; Steve and Barb Neumann, and Gary and Jacque Neumann; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanine and Dave Disler; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

There are no services.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

The family asks that donations be made in lieu of flowers to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Anthony DeKay

STURGIS, Mich. — Anthony G. "Tony" DeKay, 53, of Sturgis, Mich., died Wednesday afternoon, March 19, 2008, at Sturgis Hospital.

Mr. DeKay was a truck driver and a lifelong Sturgis resident. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, earning the rank of corporal, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He loved fishing and hunting, professional wrestling and NASCAR.

He was born May 18, 1954, in Sturgis to Gerald and Delora (Godden) DeKay. They survive.

On Feb. 24, 1973, in Sturgis, he married Stella Nolen. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Samantha and Bryan Lane of Burr Oak, Mich.; a son, Leland DeKay of Sturgis; a sister and brother-in-law, Kristine and Lonnie Merrill of Toledo, Ohio; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Garland and Beatrice Godden and Mabel Randal, and an aunt, Janice Riggs.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, Sturgis, with his son-in-law, Bryan Lane, officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Sturgis Memorial Gardens, with full military rites by Capt. John J. Kelly of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1355 and the U.S. Army Honor Guard.

Memorials are to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home is online at www.legacy.com.

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Dorothy Fiig

EDGERTON, Ohio — Dorothy S. Fiig, 80, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 4:50 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Fiig was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton and the rosary altar society. She was employed by the Ohio Art Co. in Bryan, Ohio, working on the Etch-a-Sketch line and retiring with 40 years of service.

She was born Sept. 22, 1927, in Blakeslee, Ohio, to George and Rosella (Siebenaler) Thiel.

She married Kenneth C. Fiig on June 7, 1947, in Blakeslee, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kenneth M. Fiig Jr., of Edgerton, Ohio; one grandchild and his wife, David and Carrie Fiig, of Butler; one stepgrandson and his wife, Nathan and Summer Kaiser of Butler; 12 great-grandchildren; one granddaughter-in-law, Candy Fiig, of Butler; and her longtime caregiver, Alisia Fiig-Kaiser of Butler.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Michael Fiig, on March 17, 2008, and Shane Kaiser on July 3, 1986; two brothers, Michael and Cleo Thiel; and two sisters, Leona Clark and Lucille Blosser.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating.

Calling will be private.

Memorials are to the St. Mary Catholic Church elevator fund in Edgerton, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 23, 2008, Sunday

Gropp made fish tasty and famous

BY WANDA YODER
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HUDSON — Years ago, Mildred "Millie" Gropp confessed that she really didn't like the taste of fish.

That changed after Millie experimented with a variety of combinations of ingredients to create her secret breading mix for fish. It wasn't long until her "secret" drew thousands of area residents who liked the taste of her fish to Stroh Tavern in Stroh.

Millie, 79, died unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at her home. She and her late husband were the founders of Gropp's Famous Fish of Stroh restaurant.

When Millie's fish, tartar sauce and cole slaw caught on, people from the area and even out of state often waited as long as two hours to get into the Stroh restaurant and tavern.

Gropp's Famous Fish of Stroh originated in 1956 when Millie and her husband, Elvin, decided to sell their family farm in Walkerton because of an allergy to animals that Millie had developed. The couple opened a tavern in Stroh. To bring new customers to the tavern, the couple decided to add food to the menu. In the late 1950s, they would sell all-you-can-eat fish specials for 50 cents. Millie's home-style recipes became favorites of Fish of Stroh fans. As many as 1,500 people came through the doors of the restaurant on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the summer months.

Millie's daughter, Ruth Singleton, of Wolcottville remembers her mother as more of a gourmet cook at home.

"She would adapt and change recipes to suit her," Ruth said. "She was more of a gourmet cook at home. But my favorite was Mom's great fudge. I remember as a child saying, 'Oh mom, you make the best fudge in the whole wide world.'"

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A smiling, contented looking Millie Gropp sits at the family table during a family gathering to celebrate her birthday in December 2006.

Millie's daring personality may have the source behind her special recipes. "She was never afraid of trying anything new," Ruth noted. "She would travel a lot and went on Australian cruises and trips to Europe. She even had the nerve to drive in Europe when she went. She would water ski and swim and taught us kids. Mom also knitted and crocheted. She had lots of friends and was very active in her church. She was always ready to help others and sponsored a number of fish fries for the Indiana State Police post in Ligonier," Ruth said.

It was not Millie's famous fish that her son Mark Gropp, also of Wolcottville, remembers either.

"I would call and ask her to bring home a cheeseburger and fried mushrooms," Mark said, but added that she would always cook with a "pinch of this and a pinch of that."

Mark also remembered his mother as an adventurous sole. "In the early years, my parents would take turns taking vacations. We were actually shipwrecked in the Caribbean during a storm. The boat was a 207-foot-long French sailing ship. We were rescued in two-story waves," he said.

Daughter Catherine remembers distinctly a trip to a cooking school she attended in France with her mother and Ruth. "Mom was a hardworking woman and enjoyed people. We traveled to France one year to learn French cuisine. There was also a trip to a health spa in Florida. They served fresh fruit and fresh vegetables. We brought a lot of knowledge back from the health spa and began offering vegetables and fruit in our restaurants, but the vegetables and fruit bowl at our Elkhart and Rochester restaurants were more elaborate."

Mark remembers the early years of the restaurant. "The first fish were Lake Erie perch. The fish were delivered whole and we would clean our own fish at the tavern. Later we used cod fish," he said.

In the 1970s and '80s, Gropp's Famous Fish of Stroh grew by franchising locations throughout Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. As the years passed and the various franchises expired, the Gropp family chose to exit the franchising business. The last Famous Fish of Stroh restaurant in Fort Wayne closed in October 2003.

Millie's famous fish can still be found however.

In December 2004, a Fort Wayne-based company, FRANDS Group LLC, purchased all rights and recipes related to Gropp's Famous Fish of Stroh. Their first new location at Pine Valley Shopping Center in Fort Wayne opened in March 2005 and features the original recipes and a Stroh Lake Bait and Tackle dining room. A second location recently opened in the Georgetown Square shopping center on East State Boulevard in Fort Wayne.

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Edward J. Neumann

KENDALLVILLE — Edward J. Neumann, 86, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, March 20, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home.

Mr. Neumann retired from Kunkle Valve after over 40 years of service. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy, and was a member of the Seabees. He was a member of both the American Legion and the V.F.W.

He was born May 28, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Peter and Amelia (Reinking) Neumann.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Barb Neumann and Gary and Jacque Neumann; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanine and Dave Disler; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne.

There will be no funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Byron C. Foltz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Byron C. Foltz, 88, of Wolcottville died Friday, March 21, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Foltz

Mr. Foltz was a retired farmer and a former truck driver for Lambright's Hatchery in LaGrange. He lived his lifetime in LaGrange County. He was a current board member of the Farmers Mutual Rescue Insurance Co. and a former board member for the LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District. He also was a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1919, in LaGrange County to Reuben W. and Hattie S. (Berger) Foltz, who are both deceased. He married Mary Margaret (North) on Feb. 14, 1942, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on Jan. 19, 1988. On Dec. 15, 1995, he married Mary Kay (Rice) Bachman. She survives in Wolcottville.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include a stepdaughter, Lori L. Bachman of Coppell, Texas; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Robert L. and Chris Bachman of Fort Wayne; two step grandsons, Ryan and Andrew Bachman of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Edna Duff, and four brothers, Roy Foltz, Granville Foltz, Reuben C. Foltz and William Foltz.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Howard Buchholz III and Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to Mount Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be submitted online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneral-home.com.

George Zimmerman

ANGOLA — George E. Zimmerman Sr., 82, of Angola died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

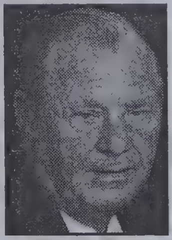
Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 23, 2008, Sunday

Dale E. Buzzard

WARREN — Dale E. Buzzard, 82, of Warren died at 12:08 a.m., Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Buzzard worked at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Marion for 35 years and retired in 1987. He also was a farmer in Huntington County. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and then served in the U.S. Marine Corps. during the Korean War. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 2689 in Huntington and the First Baptist Church of Warren. He enjoyed working on cars and gardening.


Mr. Buzzard

He was born June 11, 1925, in Huntington County. He married Burnetta Ann "Blondie" (Huston) Buzzard on Jan. 19, 1945, in Warren. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathy Buzzard of Warren, Konnie and Gregg Stevenson of Danville and Doris and Jim Croy of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charlie Buzzard and Robert and Penny Buzzard, all of Warren; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack D. and Martha Buzzard of Warren; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathryn and Harley "Ike" Ralston of Warren; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Donald E. Buzzard, and two brothers, Bill and Dick Buzzard.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, with Pastor Bob Bothast officiating. There will be military graveside honors by the U.S. Marine Corps. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association of Indiana, Suite 1180-S, 115 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 or the American Heart Association, 6100 W. 96th St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46278-6005.

Thelma Zinn

CHECOTAH, Okla. — Thelma J. Zinn, 71, of Checotah, Okla., died Thursday, March 21, 2008, at Muskogee Regional Medical Center, Muskogee, Okla.

She served her career in the U.S. Army.

She was born Dec. 7, 1936, in Garrett to George Glen and Wava Sue (Schultz) Zinn, who are both deceased.

Survivors include two sisters, Beverly J. Riccius of Checotah, Okla., and Irene Fay Miller of Butler; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Cleo E. Zinn and two sisters, Ruth Donley and Gladys May King.

Services are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Vera Yarlot

AUBURN — Vera "Pauline" Yarlot, 91, died Friday, March 21, 2008, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She worked as a machine operator for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 23 years, retiring in 1979. She attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and was a member of the Pythias Sisters of Auburn and Women of the Moose.

She was born Dec. 20, 1916, in Garrett to John and Opha (Carnahan) Mason, who are both deceased. She married Wayne A. Yarlot on Feb. 17, 1940, in Newville. He preceded her in death on July 27, 2000.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Judy Yarlot of Garrett and Don and Sande Yarlot of Auburn; two daughters, Sharon Reynolds of Auburn and Marsha Custer of Garrett; a brother-in-law, Floyd "Bud" Carper of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Roberta Mason of Addison, Mich. and Ruth Yarlot of Waterloo; nine grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by four brothers, Lloyd, Floyd, Carl and Max Mason, and a sister, Betty Shilling.

Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stuart Kruse officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 23, 2008, Sunday

Jerry Lee Bortner

STANARDSVILLE, Va. — Jerry Lee Bortner, 60, of Stanardsville, Va., died Friday, March 21, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Bortner was the human resource manager at Badger Fire Protection. He served 14 years as the mayor of Stanardsville and was still in office. He also had served on the Greene County Planning Commission and was a member of the Stanardsville Area Revitalization.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. He also was a licensed amateur radio operator.

He was born on March 11, 1948, in Kendallville to Virginia Getts Bortner and the late Max Joseph Bortner.

Mr. Bortner

Survivors include by his wife of 20 years, Debra Reid Bortner; his mother, Virginia Getts Bortner of Albion; two sons, Patrick Bortner of Albion and David Bortner of Ruckersville, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Jay Marker of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Eileen Bortner and John and Norma Bortner, all of Auburn; two aunts, Helen Bortner of Auburn and Hilda Schneider of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Emma Marker, Adam Marker, Destini Bortner and Diamond Bortner; and many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Bortner.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Ryan Funeral Home, 12819 Spotwood Trail, Ruckersville, Va., with the Rev. Norma Dean officiating. Burial is in Westover United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Westover United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 200, Ruckersville, Va., 22968 or the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, 118 Park Street S.E., Vienna, Va., 22180.

Helen Woodworth

TOPEKA — Helen J. Woodworth, 88, of Topeka died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at 6 p.m. at Northridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Woodworth was employed by Wirk Garment in Ligonier, drove a schoolbus for Westview School district and had served as the Eden Township Trustee.

She was born Aug. 3, 1919, in LaGrange County to Irvin and Ella (Moseman) Fought. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1937 and was a member of the Topeka Mennonite Church since 1938. She married Lloyd F. Woodworth on April 4, 1938. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Ann Woodworth of Topeka, Gene and Dianne Woodworth of Waterloo, Mark and Jan Woodworth of Wawaka and Todd and Diane Woodworth of Middlebury; a daughter and son-in-law, Joella and Jerry Hunter of Toledo, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; one stepgreat-great grandchild; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Imogene and Clayton Preston of Ligonier and Kate Preston, Joann Keplinger, Jane and Dean Ulrey and Jan Keenan, all of LaGrange.

She also was preceded in death by an infant brother and two sisters, Ilah Donaldson and Phyllis Myers.

Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Topeka Mennonite Church, 206 E. Lake St., Topeka, with Pastor Robert Martz officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling is Tuesday at the church from 3 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Topeka Mennonite Church.

Arrangements are by Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Condolences may be sent to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 24, 2008, Monday

George Zimmerman Sr.

ANGOLA — George E. Zimmerman Sr., 82, of Angola and formerly of Osseo, Mich., died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman was retired from Essex Wire in Hillsdale, Mich., where he was a stockroom clerk and parts clerk for 25 years.

He attended Flint School in Steuben County, and graduated from Hillsdale High School. He loved to play softball and coached baseball. He loved all sports, especially basketball and baseball, and attended many Tri-State University athletic events, where he enjoyed sitting behind the team bench.

He was born on Sept. 13, 1925, in York Township in Steuben County to George and Mary (Smith) Zimmerman, who both preceded him in death.

He is survived by a daughter, Ann Marie Gardner of Portage, Mich.; two sons, George Zimmerman Jr. of Onsted, Mich., and David Lee Zimmerman of Portage; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by 14 siblings, and two former wives, Harriet and Eleanor.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Tri-State University athletic department.

James Ehinger

WOLCOTTVILLE — James T. Ehinger, 81, of Wolcottville died Sunday, March 23, 2008, at 10:21 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Martha Crapo

MIDDLEBURY — Martha Crapo, 80, of Middlebury died at 6:31 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 25, 2008, Tuesday

Jeramy Hatton

GARRETT — Jeramy B. Hatton, 32, of Garrett died Sunday, March 23, 2008, at home.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Hatton was a driver with Taylor Rental in Auburn. Previously he had been a woodworker for Cox Cabinets for five years. He was a member of Calvary Chapel Worship Center.

Surviving are two children, Gage and Daytona Hatton, and a stepdaughter, Carmen Hurd, all of Garrett; his mother and stepfather, Kim and David Cox of Fremont; a paternal grandmother, Nora Hatton of LaOtto; a maternal grandmother, Alverta Sprague of Auburn; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jared Hatton, in 2001; his father, Donald Hatton; a paternal grandfather, Ben Hatton; and a maternal grandfather, Orval Sprague.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Thelma Zinn

CHECOTAH, Okla. — Thelma J. Zinn, 71, of Checotah, Okla., died Thursday, March 20, 2008, at Muskogee Regional Medical Center in Muskogee, Okla.

She served her career in the U.S. Army.

She was born Dec. 7, 1936, in Garrett to George Glen and Wava Sue (Schultz) Zinn.

Surviving are two sisters, Beverly J. Riccius of Checotah, Okla., and Eileen Fay Miller of Butler; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Cleo E. Zinn, and four sisters, Ruth Donley, Gladys May King, Hilda Zinn and Inez Zinn.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Huntertown.

Calling will be tonight from 7-9 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Anna Patrick

LIGONIER — Anna Patrick of Ligonier died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

William Lepper

HAMILTON — William C. Lepper, 71, of Hamilton died Monday morning, March 24, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Lepper was a truck driver for more than 40 years. He retired from Associated Truck Lines in 2001. He served in the Air National Guard for 10 years and was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Edon, Ohio. He belonged to Butler American Legion Post 282, the Butler Fraternal Order of Eagles and the DeKalb County Fair Association.

He was born Sept. 29, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Edwin and Edna (Koeneman).

He married Carolyn Sue Colglazier on Jan. 10, 1998, in Hicksville, Ohio. She died March 15, 2008.

Surviving are a son, Jeff Lepper of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Kurt Berry of St. Joe; a stepdaughter and her husband, Sheri and Aaron Spirek of Fremont; seven grandchildren, Joshua Berry, Kirstin Berry, Kailen Berry, Jeremy Lepper, Janna Lepper, Jacob Lepper and Kellie Roy; and a brother, Robert H. Lepper of Churubusco.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Clayton Bailey officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Edon.

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Marjorie Prickett

ALBION — Marjorie L. Prickett, 93, of Albion died at 4:15 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Prickett was a registered nurse. She had worked for Dr. Roth in Wolf Lake for 22 years and for Dr. Bowman in Albion for 28 years.

She was born Dec. 20, 1914, in Boise, Idaho, to Albinus and Gertrude (Bruno) Kimmell. She married John Prickett on Aug. 31, 1940, in Albion. He died Dec. 9, 1998.

Surviving is a son, James Prickett of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Private family services will be held with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Employee's Christmas Fund, P.O. Box 429, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Wilbur Robbins

AUBURN — Wilbur "Willie" Hugh Robbins, 90, of Auburn died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Robbins worked in the heating and cooling business with Doc Dancer for 16 years. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, Moose and Elks organizations.

He was born Nov. 29, 1917, in Auburn.

Mr. Robbins

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Viola May (Sproat) of Garrett; three sons and daughters-in-law, Carol B. and Wyona Robbins of Garrett, Phillip and Jill Robbins of Mesa, Ariz., and Duane and Geneva Robbins of Garrett; two daughters and a son-in-law, Joyce and Dewey Smeed of Pennsylvania and Charlotte Doner of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Robbins, a brother, Floyd Clifford Robbins, and two sisters, Vera Mae Rodenbaugh and Marjorie Johnson.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Mary Evou

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Lou Evou, 63, of Shipshewana, formerly of Fremont, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Evou worked as a postal clerk at the Petersburg, Mich., post office.

She was a member of the Petersburg United Methodist Church. She loved her family, gardening and landscaping.

She was born Sept. 7, 1945, in Monroe, to Gerald and Hazel (Bracey) Fick, who both preceded her in death. She married Joseph Evou on Nov. 7, 1964. He survives.

She is also survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Michelle Tumbokan of Angola, Dana and Rick Garst, and Kelly and Tim Hoover, all of Petersburg; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Ellen Fick of Deerfield, Mich., two sisters and a brother-in-law, Judy Roberts and Rita and Jim Baber of Petersburg; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date at Capaul Funeral Home in Ida, Mich. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery in Petersburg.

Local arrangement are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Roger LaFever

CHURUBUSCO — Roger L. LaFever, 62, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Richard Grice Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Richard L. "Dick" Grice Jr., 69, of Kendallville died Monday, March 24, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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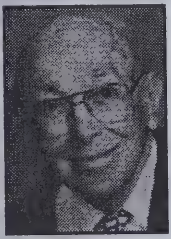
Eugene Jackson

BRYAN, Ohio — Eugene L. "Gene" Jackson, 97, of Bryan, Ohio, died early Sunday, March 23, 2008, at Sunset Village in Sylvania, Ohio.


Mr. Jackson

Mr. Jackson was a 1928 graduate of Northwestern High School in Detroit, Mich. He spent several years working as a salesman for Spalding Sporting Goods, selling golf equipment in Michigan. In 1942, he began working for Aro Corp. in Bryan, retiring in 1975 as executive vice president of sales and marketing. After his retirement, he continued working as a consultant for several companies, working well into his eighth decade.

He regularly attended Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan and was a member of Orchard Hills Country Club in Bryan. He was a former elder at First Presbyterian Church of Bryan and was also involved with Junior Achievement in Bryan for many years. He was active with many national business organizations.

He was born Dec. 26, 1910, in Coraopolis, Pa., to William and Lela (Grey) Jackson.

He married Helen Lewis Jacobi on Feb. 2, 1940, in Detroit, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Ken of Wyoming, Mich., Suzanne "Suzi" of Grand Blanc, Mich., and Marcia and Steven Watts of Dayton, Ohio; five grandchildren and their spouses, Scott L. Weston of Wyoming, Mich., Eric and Sarah Bankard of Muskegon, Mich., Emily and Joel Finnell of Howell, Mich., and Lauren Watts and Madison Watts, both of Dayton, Ohio; three great-grandchildren, Brandon and Isabella Bankard and Sydney Finnell; and one sister, Betty Sweeney of Venice, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Jackson.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 903 Center St., Bryan. with the Rev. Dwight Bowers officiating. Private burial will be in Maplegrove Cemetery at Mason, Mich.

Memorials are to Wesley United Methodist Church.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home of Bryan is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Betsy Fry

TOPEKA — Betsy W. Fry, 76, of Topeka died at 8:45 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Fry had lived in the area since 1955.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Aug. 5, 1931, in Haven, Kan., to William D. and Susie (Yoder) Yoder. She married William H. Fry on Oct. 18, 1951, in Haven. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Waneta and Leo Miller of Wolcottville and Anna Mae Fry of Topeka; two sons, Elmer and Ruby Fry and Jerry and Lavera Fry, all of Topeka; 15 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; six brothers, Amos Yoder, Felty and Ruby Yoder and Albert and Rosa Yoder, all of Topeka, William and Lora Yoder of Goshen, David and Ida Mae Yoder of Shipshewana and Merle and Ottie Yoder of Tennessee; six sisters, Katie Cross of Middlebury, Polly Fry of Fairview, Mich., Anna and Glen Fry and Edna Miller, all of Topeka, Vera and Mervin Miller of Ligonier and Ruby and Elmer Byler of Millersburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Andrew and William Fry, both on May 11, 1975; a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Mae Fry; six brothers, Daniel, Joseph, Herman, Perry, Ora and Elmer Yoder; and three sisters, Sadie Summerlot, Clara Slabach and Susanna Keim.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family home with Bishop Wayne Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be after noon Wednesday and all day Thursday at the family residence.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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James Ehinger

WOLCOTTVILLE — James T. Ehinger, 81, of Wolcottville died Sunday, March 23, 2008, at 10:20 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had been in failing health for a month.

Mr. Ehinger had lived in the Wolcottville area since 1973, coming from Fort Wayne. He had worked in heating and air conditioning for Irene Byron at Fort Wayne and Uhl Oil Co. in Kendallville.

Mr. Ehinger

He was an Army veteran, serving during World War II.

Mr. Ehinger was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church at Rome City, was the historian at American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, and a member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 4, 1927, in LaGrange to Thomas and Gertrude (Rodemaker) Ehinger. On Aug. 2, 1947, in Fort Wayne, he married Jean Ann Gatton. She preceded him in death on Feb. 6, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and John Mickelson of Fort Wayne and Beth and Bill Creigh of Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Sarah Ehinger of Rome City; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Edward Ehinger of Clinton, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Margaret Zollinger and Virginia Ahearn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville. Military services will be provided by American Legion Post 381, Rome City. Honorary pallbearers will be Korey Ehinger and Joseph Creigh. Active pallbearers will be Jeremy Creigh, Christopher Mickelson, Brent Fox, Dave Mohr, Mike Funk and Corey Schamberger.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Memorials are to Noble County Habitat for Humanity in care of Young Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 341, Wolcottville, IN 46795.

View a video tribute or send condolences to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.

Martha Crapo

MIDDLEBURY — Martha Crapo, 80, of Middlebury died at 6:31 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital where she had been a patient 13 days.

Mrs. Crapo had worked at Keene Machine in Middlebury and later did baby-sitting in her home. She then worked 20 years for E.R. Carpenter in Elkhart.

Mrs. Crapo

She was a member of First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, where she was active in the First Mennonite Woman's Group.

She was born March 23, 1928, in Arthur, Ill., to Abe and Katie (Marner) Graber. She married Burton E. Crapo on May 28, 1966. He died Jan. 13, 1995.

Surviving are two sons, William Crapo of Middlebury and Robert and Mellisa Crapo of Pascagoula, Miss.; two stepsons, Edward Crapo of Mesa, Ariz. and Ronald Crapo of Clinton, Ind.; a grandson, Tyler Crapo; and two stepgrandchildren, Shawn and Ryan Renee; two brothers, Joe and Dora Graber and John and Annie Graber, all of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, George Graber.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and the Rev. Pamela Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the First Mennonite Woman's Group.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Carol Gage

KINGSTON SPRINGS, Tenn. — Carol Lou Cavanaugh Gage, 58, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, in Kingston Springs, Tenn.

She was born May 5, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Jack and Betty Lou Lefevre Cavanaugh, who proceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly Lou Hayes of Kingston Springs, Tenn.; a brother, Jack Cavanaugh of Angola; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Lou Hayes of Kingston Springs, Tenn.

A memorial service will be held at Bridgewater Golf Course in Auburn on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Memorials are to Alive Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Taylor Funeral Home of Dickson, Tenn., is handling arrangements.

Charles Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Hamilton Gibson, 10 days old, died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sunday, March 2, 2008, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne to John and Danielle (Reeder) Gibson of Kendallville.

Surviving with his parents are his twin brother, Hunter Michael Gibson; his maternal grandparents, Steve and Barbara Reeder of Kendallville; his paternal grandmother, Flora Kay Gibson of Kendallville; and his maternal great-grandparents, Rollie Reeder of Kendallville and John and Bonnie Stanford of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Larry Gibson; and his maternal great-grandmother, Emma Reeder.

Graveside services were Saturday, March 15, at Sedan Cemetery near Corunna with the Rev. Earl Bolen officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

The Family of Ray Ramey

Would like to take this time to thank all our neighbors, friends and families for all the cards, food, flowers and prayers said. A special thank you to Hite Funeral Home, Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Ft. Wayne, Pastor Greibel and Pastor Shriner of St. John Lutheran Church and Chronister's Pharmacy. Your help and kindness in the loss of our husband, dad and grandpa is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ruth Ramey, Tina & Jack Lough and Kara,
Ashlyn & Erica Fields

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Anna Patrick

LIGONIER — Anna W. Patrick, 85, of Ligonier died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier. She had been a resident there since January.

Mrs. Patrick

Mrs. Patrick was a lifetime area resident and had worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier for 32 years. She had also worked at the West Noble Daycare Center and with her daughter in providing child care for many children.

She was a member of Burr Oak Church in Ligonier, STOP, Golden Girls Friendship Club and the Noble County Democratic Women's Club.

Mrs. Patrick enjoyed glass etching and reading.

She was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Kimmell to Wayne and Lena (LeCount) Thunander. She married Lloyd Patrick on May 31, 1939, in Merriam. He died Sept. 28, 1977.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Harold and Margaret Patrick of Topeka and Clyde and Sue Patrick, Brad and Joy Patrick and Don and Brenda Patrick, all of Ligonier; three daughters and sons-in-law, Nina and Dave Ogden and Nancy and Paul Fought, all of Ligonier, and Cheryl and Jerry Mangus of Kimmell; 31 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phil Patrick in 1999; a daughter, Kathy Patrick in 1966; and three sisters, Ruth Knox, Donna Seidner and Bertie Price.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Evangelical Church with the Rev. Sheldon Crapo and Lawrence Byrnes officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers will be Troy Patrick, Scott Reeve, Jeff Patrick, Mark Patrick, Jeremy Mangus and Andrew Fought. Honorary pallbearer will be Warren Patrick.

Calling will be from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Memorials are to the Future Ligonier Alliance or Southern Care Hospice.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Mary Hartman

ANGOLA — Mary Hartman, 89, of Angola and Indian River, Mich., died Monday, March 24, 2008, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Hartman

Mrs. Hartman was a beautician and worked at Chrysler in Detroit during World War II.

She was a member of Transfiguration Episcopal Church in Indian River. She also attended First Congregational United Church of Christ and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, both in Angola.

She was born Aug. 31, 1918, in Detroit, to Michael and Anna (Czuchraj) Meges, who both preceded her in death. She married Arthur Hartman on Aug. 18, 1940. He died on Aug. 4, 1998.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Behee of Angola; two grandchildren, Mark Behee of Chicago, and Anne Heckman of Brownsburg; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jenny Zielinski of Warren, Mich.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Congregational United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. Burial will be in Transfiguration Cemetery in Indian River.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Angola Parks Department memorial tree program, or the Steuben County Humane Society.

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Richard Grice Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Richard L. "Dick" Grice Jr., 67, of Kendallville died at 6:40 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at his residence. He had been ill for two weeks.

Mr. Grice

Mr. Grice had lived in Noble County since 1994, coming from Florida. He was raised in Niles, Mich., and was a former member of the Sons of the Legion in Niles and in Webster, Fla.

He had worked as a cook in Kissimmee, Fla.

He was born Nov. 22, 1940, in Niles, Mich., to Richard L. Sr. and Virginia (Hartline) Grice. On Nov. 29, 1960, in Benton Harbor, Mich., he married Sandra Moore. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his mother, Virginia Waite of Niles, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Tim Wooten of Ada, Ohio; three sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Tammy Grice of Watervleit, Mich., Tony and Nancy Grice of Rome City, and Sean and Cindy Grice of Reed, Ken.; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Phyllis Grice of South Bend.

He was preceded in death by his father and a son, Richard Grice.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Steve Herendeen of Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Tony Grice, Sean Grice, Chris Grice, Jacob Wooten, Charles Wooten, Scott Grice and Jed Wooten.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Albert Miller

LAGRANGE — Albert D. Miller, 85, of LaGrange died at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at his residence. He had been in failing health one week.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and a carpenter.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 22, 1923, in LaGrange County to Daniel J. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Miller. He married Lydia Mae Lambright on Feb. 14, 1946, in Noble County. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Daniel and Inez Miller and Ervin and Nettie Miller, all of Shipshewana, Raymond and Christina Miller of LaGrange, Joe Miller of Middlebury and Ernest and Erma Miller of Goshen; four daughters, Susie and Andy Kurtz of LaGrange, Barbara and Richard Frey and Clara and Elvie Frey, all of Shipshewana, and Mary and Freeman Bontrager of Millersburg; 53 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; a sister, May and Clarence Schrock of Milroy; three brothers, Jonathan and Clara Miller of Wolcottville, Urias and Marietta Miller of Tampico, Ill., and Raymond and Irma Miller of Goshen; two brothers-in-law, Albert Mast of Sonora, Ken., and Chris Bontrager of Saint Ignatius, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, David Miller; a brother, Monroe Miller; four sisters, Anna Miller, Ella Mast, Mary Bontrager and Ramah Miller; a grandson; and two great-granddaughters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Kenny Bontrager residence, 4025 S. C.R. 400W, Topeka, with Bishop LeRoy Troyer and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery near LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new information and revisions provided by the funeral home.*

Wilbur Robbins

AUBURN — Wilbur "Willie" Hugh Robbins, 90, of Auburn died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Robbins

Mr. Robbins worked in the heating and cooling business with Doc Dancer for 16 years. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, Moose and Elks organizations.

He was born Nov. 29, 1917, in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Viola May (Sproat) of Garrett; three sons and daughters-in-law, Carol B. and Wyona Robbins of Garrett, Phillip and Jill Robbins of Mesa, Ariz., and DeWayne and JoAnn Robbins of Garrett; two daughters, Joyce Smeed of Pennsylvania and Charlotte Dohner of Auburn; three stepdaughters, Carol Fraze and her husband, Dough, of South Carolina; Dawn Ewert and her husband, David, of Auburn, and Linda Britton of Florida; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; six brothers and four sisters.

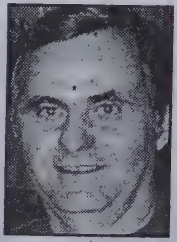
He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Robbins, a brother, Floyd Clifford Robbins, and two sisters, Vera Mae Rodenbaugh and Marjorie Johnson.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Roger LaFevor

SOUTH WHITLEY — Roger L. LaFevor, 63, a resident of rural South Whitley, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at his residence.


Mr. LaFevor

Mr. Lafevor worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1997 after over 30 years of employment.

He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1963 and entered the U.S. Army later that year, serving with Company B 1st Battalion 506th Infantry. He specialized in light weapons infantry, attended Airborn School and was awarded the Parachutist Badge, Expert Badge (rifle M-14) and the National Defense Service Medal.

He was born in Fort Wayne on March 27, 1945, to Louis H. and Laura L. (Fritz) LaFevor, who are both deceased. He married Patricia L. Gebhart on Sept. 14, 1968. She survives.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Marnie LaFevor of Mitchell; a daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Albert Donato of Fortville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Wendell LaFevor of Warsaw and Kenneth and Sharon LaFevor of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Wauneta and Bill Perse of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

There will be a tribute to life gathering at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, on Friday from 10 a.m. until noon. Military rites will be conducted at noon by the U.S. Honors Unit and the Churubusco American Legion Post 157.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 26, 2008, Wednesday

Helen J. Woodworth, 88

TOPEKA – Helen J. Woodworth, age 88, passed away on Saturday March 22, 2008 at Northridge Village in Albion, IN. She was born on August 3, 1919 in Lagrange County to Irvin & Ella (Moseman) Fought. She married Lloyd F. Woodworth April 4, 1938. He preceded her in death in 1990.

A lifetime resident of Topeka, Helen worked for Wirk Garmet in Ligonier, Drove School Bus for Westview School District, & had served as Eden Township Trustee. She Graduated from Topeka High School in 1937 and had been a member of Topeka Mennonite Church since 1938.

Survivors include four sons, Jerry (Ann) Woodwoth of Topeka, Gene (Dianne) Woodworth of Waterloo, Mark (Jan) Woodworth of Wawaka, and Todd (Diane) Woodworth of Middlebury; one daughter, JoElla (Jerry) Hunter of Toledo. seventeen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, four step grandchildren, seven Step great-granchildren, and one step great-great- grandchild. five sisters: Imogene (Clayton) Preston of Ligonier, Kate Preston, Joann Keplinger, Jane (Dean) Ulrey, and Jan Keenan, all of Lagrange.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one infant brother and two sisters, Ilah Donaldson and Phyllis Myers.

Services were held on March 26, 2008, at Topeka Mennonite Church. Pastor Robert Martz officiated. Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorial contributions may be made to Topeka Mennonite Church.

Jerry Lee Bortner, 60

STANARDSVILLE – Jerry Lee Bortner, 60, of Stanardsville, Virginia passed away Friday, March 21, 2008 at his home.

Jerry was born on March 11, 1948 in Kendallville, Indiana. He is the son of Virginia Getts Bortner and the late Max Joseph Bortner.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Bortner.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Debra Reid Bortner; his mother, Virginia Getts Bortner of Albion, Indiana; two sons, Patrick Bortner of Albion, Indiana, David Bortner of Ruckersville, Virginia; one daughter, Sarah Marker (Jay) of Albion, Indiana; two brothers, Jack Bortner (Eileen), John Bortner (Norma) all of Auburn, Indiana; two aunts, Helen Bortner of Auburn, Indiana, Hilda Schneider of Fort Wayne, Indiana; four grandchildren, Emma Marker, Adam Marker, Destini Bortner, Diamond Bortner; many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Jerry proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion and the *Potomac Applachian Trail* Club. He was also a licensed amateur "ham" radio operator.

Jerry was the human resource manager at Badger Fire Protection. He was currently the Mayor of Stanardsville having served in this capacity for 14 years. He had also served on the Greene County Planning Commission and was a member of the Stanardsville Area Revitalization (S.T.A.R.).

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Ryan Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Norma Dean officiating.

Interment was at Westover United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westover United Methodist Church, PO Box 200, Ruckersville, Virginia 22968 or the Potomac Applachian Trail Club, 118 Park Street S.E., Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Ryan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 26, 2008, Wednesday

Doris Ellen Taylor, 73

BEAR LAKE — Doris Ellen Taylor, 73, of Bear Lake and Nokomis, Fla., died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Venice Regional Hospital in Venice, Fla. She had battled cancer for several years.

Mrs. Taylor had been employed with the Central Noble School Corp. for 23 years and retired in 1989 as a school bus driver from its transportation department.

She enjoyed crafting gourds, reading, spending time with her family and wintering in Nokomis.

Mrs. Taylor enjoyed coaching softball teams and was an officer of the Wolf Lake Baseball/Softball Association. She was a member of the Wolf Lake Park Board, the Florida and Indiana Gourd societies and served on the board of the East Shore Conservancy.

Mrs. Taylor attended Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 29, 1934, in Columbia City to Gerald and Golda Egolf. She married Jimmie K. Taylor on Dec. 29, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jamie (Brian) Hull of Syracuse and Susan (Jeff) Ladig of Kimmell; a son, Mike Taylor of Cromwell; grandchildren, Kris and Daphne Knox, Amy Knox, Amanda Ladig, Zane Ladig, Brittney Taylor, Andrew Taylor and Samantha Taylor; great-grandchildren, Kirstin and Kolby Knox and Wesley Prentice; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Judy Egolf of Fort Myers, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Joseph Egolf.

Services will be Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake Free Health Clinic in care of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 64, Wolf Lake, IN 46796.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Jean Myers, 80

AUBURN — Donna Jean Myers, 80, of Auburn died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at her home.

She had lived in Noble County most of her life and was a 1945 graduate of Avilla High School. She and her husband, Lee, moved to Auburn in 1999.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker.

She enjoyed traveling, quilting and spending time with her family.

She was born Dec. 4, 1927, in Green Township, Noble County, to Lloyd and Hazel (Snell) Schaefer. She married Lee A. Myers at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Swan Township on March 20, 1948. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Marilyn Myers of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Thomas Wick of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Joe and Alexis Myers, Jennifer and David Lemen and Roger and Kelly Walburn; and a brother, Gale Schaefer of Churubusco.

Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 26, 2008, Wednesday

Marjorie L. Prickett, 93

ALBION– Marjorie L. Prickett, 93 died Monday, March 24, 2008 at 4:15 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

She was born December 20, 1914 to Albinus and Gertrude (Bruno) Kimmell in Boise, Idaho.

On August 31, 1940, she married John L. Prickett in Albion, IN. He passed away December 9, 1998.

She was a member of Albion Presbyterian Church.

She had lived in the Albion area since 1940 where she worked as an RN 22 years for Dr. James Roth in Wolf Lake.

Survirors include one son James M. Prickett of Auburn, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, spouse, one sister and two brothers.

Private services were held at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel with burial taking place at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Perferred memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Employee's Christmas Fund PO Box 429, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Hazel C. Stanton, 85

COLUMBIA CITY — Hazel C. Stanton, 85, of Columbia City died at 11:17 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

Mrs. Stanton moved to Allen County in 1966 from Grafton, W.Va., and then moved to Whitley County in 1982.

She had worked at Container Corp. in Fort Wayne for 16 years, retiring in 1983.

Mrs. Stanton was a member of VFW Post 5582 Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 3, 1922, in Bruceton Mills, W.Va., to Charles T. and Martha M. (Glover) Collins. Her first husband, James C. Knight, preceded her in death. She then married Robert R. Stanton on May 11, 1973, in Van Wert, Ohio. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Charles and Claudia Knight of Round Rock, Texas, Richard A. (Kathy) Knight of Albion and Keith C. (Carol) Knight of Eau Claire, Wis.; three daughters, Patricia A. (Kenneth) Foster of Columbia City, Karen S. Young of Lehigh Acres, Fla., and Linda (Richard) Dignan of Warren, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Kenneth D. Foster II; three brothers, James, Alvin, Floyd and Harold Collins, and three sisters, Margaret Copeman, Gladys Weller and Mildred Collins.

Services were at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery at Columbia City.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 27, 2008, Thursday

Ruth Gorsuch

INDIANAPOLIS — Ruth A. "Sally" Gorsuch, 75, of Indianapolis and formerly of Albion died Monday, March 24, 2008.

Mrs. Gorsuch worked as a secretary at General Electric.

She was born Oct. 28, 1932, in Albion to Gerald L. and Erma A. Mawhorter.

Surviving are her husband, Gene L. Gorsuch; a daughter and son-in-law, Greta and Steve Tamarri; two grandchildren, Amber Reynolds and Taylor Tamarri; and two great-grandchildren, Pierce and Peyton Roberts.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, Wayne, Jim, Jack, Don, Joe and Rick Mawhorter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Harry W. Moore Funeral Care, 8151 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.harrymoore-mortuary.com.

Harriet Watson

ELKHART — Harriet A. Watson, 88, of Elkhart and formerly of Middlebury died at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Watson

Mrs. Watson had moved to Middlebury in 1945 from Chicago. She attended the University of Wisconsin and had been a legal secretary. She also had been employed at Miller's Village Inn, Eby Pines restaurant and for the Sisters of the Holy Cross at St. Vincent Church in Elkhart.

Mrs. Watson served as the head dietitian at Americana Nursing Home in Elkhart until her early retirement.

She was involved with Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren and she and her husband served as foster parents to many area children.

Mrs. Watson loved to cook and entertain.

She was born Aug. 6, 1919, to Thurman and Edith Flowers in Muskogee, Okla.

Surviving are a daughter, Rhoda Weaver-Watson of Granger; a son, Paul Watson of Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Richelle Weaver-Watson; three sisters, Ellen Kimbrough and Mahali Coleman, both of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mary Owens of California; three brothers, Ed Ware, Theodore Flowers and Hamilton Ware, all of Oklahoma City; and several nieces and nephews she and her husband helped raise.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard D. Watson; three brothers, Alfred Flowers, Willie Flowers and James Ware; two sisters, Melinda Hudspeth and Henrietta Wright; and her parents, Thurman Flowers and Edith Ware.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Ted Eash officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Ryan's Place.

Send condolences to miller-stewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 27, 2008, Thursday

Eugene Hahn

AUBURN — Eugene Earl Hahn, 61, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hahn worked at Bushak-Shambam of New Haven. He was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon. He was a former member of the Auburn Jaycees and a former Cubmaster. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1965.

He was born Aug. 2, 1946, in West Lafayette to Harold "Earl" and Mildred (Cummings) Hahn.

He married Sharon (Peck) Johnson on April 18, 1998, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Marsha Hahn of Garrett and Ronald and Shellie Hahn of Noblesville; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Sarah Johnson of Wheeling, Ill. and Carrie and Karl Sorensen of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Keith Hahn, Kourtney Hahn and Kady Hahn, all of Garrett, and Jamie Hahn and Lexie Hahn, both of Noblesville; and a stepgrandson, Johann Sorensen of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jerry Hahn; and a sister, Janice Banes.

Services will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Nancy D. Becker officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour before the service on Sunday.

Memorials are to the Diabetic Association.

Ora Bowers

ASHLEY — Ora L. Bowers, 86, of Ashley died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Bowers was employed at Delucenay Brothers in Ashley, and retired from hauling milk in 1974.

He was born May 13, 1921, in DeKalb County to George and Edna (Wolfe) Bowers, both of whom preceded him in death. His first wife, Evelyn (Miller) Bowers, died in 1966. His second wife, Nettie (Crist) Bowers, died in 1994.

He is survived by a nephew and spouse, Robert and Cindy Bowers of Union, Mich.; a great-nephew, Robby Bowers of Three Rivers, Mich.; and two great-nieces, Taylor and Britney Bowers of Union.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Carl Bowers, in 1992; and a nephew, Carl Bowers Jr., in 1992.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1:15 p.m. at Jackson Prairie Cemetery in Orland, with Dale Johnson officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Ida Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Ida Fern Bontrager of Shipshewana was stillborn at 12:36 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital to Vernon D. and Pollyanna (Beechy) Bontrager.

Surviving with her parents are seven sisters, Laura and Elson Lee Brandenberger of LaGrange, and Norma Bontrager, Wanda Bontrager, LuAnn Bontrager, Maria Bontrager, Karen Bontrager and Rachel Bontrager, all at home; four brothers, Daniel Bontrager, Cletus Bontrager, Duane Bontrager and John Bontrager, all at home; and her grandparents, Daniel and Ida Bontrager of LaGrange and Alma Beechy of Topeka.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder Cemetery at Shipshewana with Bishop Elmer Yoder officiating.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Albert Allen

KENDALLVILLE — Albert Allen, 89, of Kendallville died at 5 a.m. today, Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 27, 2008, Thursday

Betty Stabe

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Evelyn Stabe, 87, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stabe

Mrs. Stabe owned and operated Betty's Salon of Beauty in Kendallville for many years and was an Avon representative.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna where she enjoyed her favorite music and old hymns. She was also a member the Kendallville Business and Professional Women. She and her husband, Harold, had been members of the Rollin' Oldies Car Club.

She was born April 23, 1920, in Kendallville to Donald and Leora Sollenberger. She was first married to Paul Stackhouse, who preceded her death. She then married Harold F. Stabe in October 1972 and he died Oct. 4, 2007.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Jim Hagerty of Kendallville and Sharry and Dave Wiehe of Columbia City; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Diana and David Ladig of New Haven, Kevin and Vickie Bortner of Ligonier, Ron and Sandra Bortner of Huntington, Terry and Elizabeth Bortner of Ligonier, Lana Snyder of Auburn, Lisa McDaniel of Auburn, Jennifer Roark of Fort Wayne and Sara and Shawn Schuller of Columbia City; 18 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; several nephews including Philip Nicholson and his wife, Kathy, of Maryland; a niece and her husband, Carolyn and Pete Smith of South Carolina; and a great-niece and her husband, Beth Ann and Max Melchi of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Rosie, June and Helen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 27, 2008, Thursday

Anna Patrick

LIGONIER — Anna W. Patrick, 85, of Ligonier died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier. She had been a resident there since January.

Mrs. Patrick

Mrs. Patrick was a lifetime area resident and had worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier for 32 years. She had also worked at the West Noble Daycare Center and with her daughter in providing child care for many children.

She was a member of Burr Oak Church in Ligonier, STOP, Golden Girls Friendship Club and the Noble County Democratic Women's Club.

Mrs. Patrick enjoyed glass etching and reading.

She was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Kimmell to Wayne and Lena (LeCount) Thunander. She married Lloyd Patrick on May 31, 1939, in Merriam. He died Sept. 28, 1977.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Harold and Margaret Patrick of Topeka and Clyde and Sue Patrick, Brad and Joy Patrick and Don and Brenda Patrick, all of Ligonier; three daughters and sons-in-law, Nina and Dave Ogden and Nancy and Paul Fought, all of Ligonier, and Cheryl and Jerry Mangus of Kimmell; 31 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phil Patrick in 1999; a daughter, Kathy Patrick in 1966; and three sisters, Ruth Knox, Donna Seidner and Bertie Price.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Evangelical Church with the Rev. Sheldon Crapo and Lawrence Byrnes officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers will be Troy Patrick, Scott Reeve, Jeff Patrick, Mark Patrick, Jeremy Mangus and Andrew Fought. Honorary pallbearer will be Warren Patrick.

Calling will be from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the church and one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Memorials are to the Future Ligonier Alliance or Southern Care Hospice.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to: brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Helen Woodworth

TOPEKA — Helen J. Woodworth, 88, of Topeka died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at 6 p.m. at Northridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Woodworth was employed by Wirk Garment in Ligonier, drove a schoolbus for Westview School district and had served as the Eden Township Trustee.

She was born Aug. 3, 1919, in LaGrange County to Irvin and Ella (Moseman) Fought. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1937 and was a member of the Topeka Mennonite Church since 1938. She married Lloyd F. Woodworth on April 4, 1938. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Ann Woodworth of Topeka, Gene and Dianne Woodworth of Waterloo, Mark and Jan Woodworth of Wawaka and Todd and Diane Woodworth of Middlebury; a daughter and son-in-law, Joella and Jerry Hunter of Toledo, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; one stepgreat-great grandchild; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Imogene and Clayton Preston of Ligonier and Kate Preston, Joann Keplinger, Jane and Dean Ulrey and Jan Keenan, all of LaGrange.

She also was preceded in death by an infant brother and two sisters, Ilah Donaldson and Phyllis Myers.

Services were Wednesday at Topeka Mennonite Church, with Pastor Robert Martz officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to the Topeka Mennonite Church.

Arrangements are by Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Condolences may be sent to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 27, 2008, Thursday

Doris Taylor

BEAR LAKE — Doris Ellen Taylor, 73, of Bear Lake and Nokomis, Fla., died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Venice Regional Hospital in Venice, Fla. She had battled cancer for several years.

Mrs. Taylor had been employed with the Central Noble School Corp. for 23 years and retired in 1989 as a school bus driver from its transportation department.

She enjoyed crafting gourds, reading, spending time with her family and wintering in Nokomis.

Mrs. Taylor enjoyed coaching softball teams and was an officer of the Wolf Lake Baseball/Softball Association. She was a member of the Wolf Lake Park Board, the Florida and Indiana Gourd societies and served on the board of the East Shore Conservancy.

Mrs. Taylor attended Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 29, 1934, in Columbia City to Gerald and Golda Egolf. She married Jimmie K. Taylor on Dec. 29, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jamie and Brian Hull of Syracuse and Susan and Jeff Ladig of Kimmell; a son, Mike Taylor of Cromwell; grandchildren, Kris and Daphne Knox, Amy Knox, Amanda Ladig, Zane Ladig, Brittney Taylor, Andrew Taylor and Samantha Taylor; great-grandchildren, Kirstin and Kolby Knox and Wesley Prentice; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Judy Egolf of Fort Myers, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Joseph Egolf.

Services will be Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake Free Health Clinic in care of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 64, Wolf Lake, IN 46796.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Thelma Smeltzer

LIGONIER — Thelma Mae Smeltzer, 86, of Ligonier, died Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 6:20 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She was born on May 16, 1921 in Greenville, Michigan. Her mother was Lilah Galbraith. She came to the area from Nappanee in 1967.

On September 3, 1938 she married Charles W. Taylor in Bangor, MI, he died in 1958. She then married Carl C. Smeltzer on March 14, 1958 in Bangor, Mich. He died in 1976.

Mrs. Smeltzer was a machine operator at Webster Wire in North Webster for more than 25 years, and retired in 1998 at the age of 78. She was a hard worker that loved her family and her grandchildren. She was also a member of Sparta United Church of Christ.

Surviving are four sons and three daughter-n-laws, William Taylor, Richard and Helen Taylor of Syracuse, David and Kim Smeltzer of Birch Tree, Missouri, and Mark and Cindy Smeltzer of Elkhart. Two daughters and a son-n-law, Shirley and Duane Baxter of Bremen, and Ruth Ann Haggard of Ligonier. 16 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

She is preceeded in death by her mother, and a son-n-law, Jerry Haggard.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials may be made to Eden Worship Center.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To send online condolences go to : brazzellfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 28, 2008, Friday

Albert Allen

KENDALLVILLE — Albert F. Allen, 89, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Allen

Mr. Allen had owned Allen Super Service gas station at the corner of Diamond and Main streets in Kendallville. He founded Kendallville Vendors and owned and operated it for many years. After he sold the vending company, he was employed with McCray Refrigeration in the accounting department. He later served as circulation manager of Fort Wayne Newspapers and retired from Tom's Vending of Kendallville.

He enjoyed traveling, walking and flower gardening. He was an animal lover and enjoyed rock polishing. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing golf.

Mr. Allen was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Lion's Club and the American Legion, all in Kendallville.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1936 and entered the United States Army Air Corps. He piloted B-26 aircraft during World War II.

Mr. Allen was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 30, 1918, to Albert Otto and Florence (Earl) Allen. He married Betty L. Kropp in Kendallville on Nov. 25, 1939. She died Oct. 25, 1991. He then married Elizabeth "Betty" Barbara (Burhenn) Kropp on Oct. 26, 2002, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Betty Allen of Kendallville and Loren and Mary Allen of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dave Grubb of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Dave and Lee Kropp of Adams Lake, Wolcottville; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Ruth Ann and Milton Walt and Barbara and Paul Zimmer, all of Chicago; 11 grandchildren, Laura and Kevin Oliver and Michelle and Dave Breckenhoff, all of Fishers, Keri and Jon Aichele of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mark and Valeria Grubb, Elissa Beard and Angela and John Malone, all of Kendallville, Douglas and Amy Allen of Fort Wayne, and Kevin Allen, Kyle and Rachel Allen, Christopher Allen and Cory Allen, all of Kendallville; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Betty Teboe; and two brothers, Bill Allen and one that died in his youth.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Mr. Allen's grandsons.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Chris Gaff

ALBION — Chris B. Gaff, 50, of Albion died at 6:55 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2008, surrounded by his family at his rural Albion home.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Aurelia Boggs

WATERLOO — Aurelia J. Boggs, 80, of Waterloo died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She worked throughout her life as a secretary.

She was born June 24, 1927, in Chicago to Virgil P. and Elma A. (Ehrnardt) Johnson.

Surviving are three daughters and their spouses, Catherine A. and Oscar Johnson of Indianapolis, Carole J. Boggs and Merlin Baird of Ashley and Caye L. and Scott Lutz of Monticello; five grandchildren, Robert J. Hardy of Auburn, Richard and Renee Hardy of Kendallville, Crissi Griggs of Waterloo, Amber Graham of Indianapolis and Angela Henderson of Auburn; and six great-grandchildren, Lucas, Noah, Alison, Bryttany, Chelsea and William.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles A. Boggs and Chris J. Boggs, and a brother, Phillip Johnson.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or the Grant Township Public Library.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 28, 2008, Friday

Ova Sumner

GARRETT — Ova Wayne Sumner, 57, of Lexington, Ky., and formerly of Garrett, died March 12, 2008.

He was born March 21, 1950, to Eli Sumner Sr. and Hazel Marie Sumner.

Surviving are two sons, Mirth Wayne Sumner of Waterloo and Joseph Allen Sumner of Avilla; four brothers, Norman Bud Sumner of Vicco, Ky., Esom Glenn Sumner of Spencerville, Coby Dean Sumner of Rome City and Daniel James Sumner of Rome City; three sisters, Frances Ann Collins of Albion, Persie Sumner of Garrett and Mary Pence of Garrett; and four grandchildren, Steven Wayne Sumner, Alexander Joseph Sumner, Jessica Diane Sumner and Tabitha Ann Sumner.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ora Lee Cody, and two brothers, Eli Sumner Jr. and John David Sumner.

Calling will be Saturday, April 5, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Lane Andrews officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

To sign an online guest book or to send a condolence, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Janet Brown

AUBURN — Janet K. Brown, 65, of Auburn died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Brown worked at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in Auburn.

She was born May 17, 1942, in Auburn to Harry and Maurine (Grove) Dean.

She married Danny Brown on May 17, 2002, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ricky and Teresa Huth of Auburn and Dean Huth Jr. of Auburn; a daughter, Melanie Huth of Auburn; three grandchidren and a spouse, Brandon and Jenny Huth of Waterloo, Crystal Huth of Auburn and Nicholas Huth of Auburn; a great-granddaughter, Emma Huth; a brother and sister-in-law, Donner and Nancy Dean of Kansas City; and a sister, Jean Klug of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timmy Huth.

A graveside service will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Joseph McClain

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Joseph Warner McClain, 90, of Sun City, Ariz., died Sunday, March 23, 2008.

Mr. McClain graduated from Purdue University in 1939 with a degree in electrical engineering. He retired after 35 years with R.B.M.-United Technology as an electrical designer at Logansport and as a plant manager in Auburn and Juarez, Mexico. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Elks Club and 9th Street Christian Church.

In 1948, he and a friend built and managed the Logansport Skyline Theatre. He spent his retirement years traveling and enjoying 27 summers with his family at their summer home in Hamilton.

He was born Nov. 7, 1917, in Indianapolis to Charles and Mary McClain.

He married Sarah Edith Stanley on March 11, 1941. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Richard and Barrie McClain of Logansport, Robert and Kathy McClain of Auburn, Jerry and Mary Ann McClain of Sebring, Fla., and Charles McClain of El Paso, Texas; a daughter, Sheryl Murphy of Norcross, Ga.; nine grandchildren, Jeffery, Nathan, Brian, Matthew, David, Erica, Christopher, Raymond and Mark; six great-grandchildren, Brandt, Lauran, Clark, Katie, Saylor Ann and Moshe; and a sister, Charlene Shumaker of Plainfield.

Sunland Mortuary of Sun City, Ariz., is handling arrangements for services at a later date in Logansport.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 28, 2008, Friday

Gordon Possehn

SARANAC, Mich. — Gordon Possehn, 76, of Saranac, Mich., died March 15, 2008.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, LinAnn and Terry Blaser, Jill and Frank Smyth of Butler, Jan and John Van Wyk, Kerri and John Murphy and Amy and Neil Barkley; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Virginia Wingeier and Jean and Jack Staal; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and his close friend, Maggie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Keitha (Rowley) Possehn, and a brother, LaVern Possehn.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Shilo Community Church, 8197 Heath St., Orleans, Mich., with Pastor Ken Harger officiating. Burial will be in Easton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Michigan.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling local arrangements.

Philip Michael

FREMONT — Former Steuben County Commissioner Philip E. Michael, 83, of Fremont died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

He was born July 3, 1924, in Fremont.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 29, 2008, Saturday

Viola Robbins

AUBURN — Viola May Robbins, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Robbins

Mrs. Robbins was born May 24, 1923, in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1941. She worked as a grinder at General Electric and worked at Gamemasters for 13 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Moose and Eagles in Garrett.

Surviving are a three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol and Doug Fraze of South Carolina, Dawn and David Ewert of Auburn and Linda Britton of Florida; three stepsons and their wives, Carl R. and Wyona Robbins of Garrett, Phillip and Jill Robbins of Mesa, Ariz., and DeWayne and JoAnn Robbins of Garrett; and two stepdaughters, Joyce Sneed of Pennsylvania and Charlotte Dohner of Auburn; a sister, Ruth Woods of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

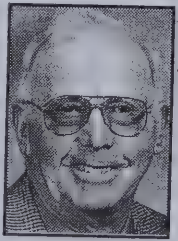
She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Wilbur H. Robbins, on March 22, 2008; her first husband, James Fleet, to whom she was married from 1942 to 1947; a son, Kenneth Robbins; a brother, Charles E. Sproat; and her parents Morton G. Sproat and Lola May Waikel.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Philip Michael

FREMONT — Philip E. Michael, 83, of Fremont died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.



Mr. Michael

Mr. Michael was a second-generation farmer on the Michael Family Hoosier Centennial Farm, and also worked as a mail carrier. He served two terms as Steuben County commissioner. He was a veteran of the Army in World War II.

He was a 1944 Fremont High School graduate. He was a lifelong member of Fremont United Methodist Church, and a member of the Shepherd Fellowship group at the church. He was a member of the Dinner Club. He was a 60-year member and past commander of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257. He was a former board member of Steuben County REMC, the Fremont Township Advisory Board, and the Steuben County ABC Board. His hobbies included playing cards, gardening and fishing.

He was born July 3, 1924, in Fremont to Paul and Kathryn Louise (Taylor) Michael, who preceded him in death. He married Pat Smart on July 3, 1947, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cheryl Michael of Red Oak, Texas; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dennis Michael, and Gary and Rose Michael, all of Fremont; and Neil and Trudy Michael of Merrimac, Wis.; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Willard "Bud" Michael.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, with graveside military services by members of the Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church or the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include new information about relatives provided by the funeral home.*

Joseph McClain

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Joseph Warner McClain, 90, of Sun City, Ariz., died Sunday, March 23, 2008.

Mr. McClain graduated from Purdue University in 1939 with a degree in electrical engineering. He retired after 35 years with R.B.M.-United Technology as an electrical designer at Logansport and as a plant manager in Auburn and Juarez, Mexico. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Elks Club and 9th Street Christian Church.

In 1948, he and a friend built and managed the Logansport Skyline Theatre. He spent his retirement years traveling and enjoying 27 summers with his family at their summer home in Hamilton.

He was born Nov. 7, 1917, in Indianapolis to Charles and Mary McClain.

He married Sarah Edith Stanley on March 11, 1941. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Richard and Barrie McClain of Logansport, Robert and Kathy McClain of Auburn, Jerry and Mary Ann McClain of Sebring, Fla., and Charles McClain of El Paso, Texas; a daughter, Sheryl Murphy of Norcross, Ga.; nine grandchildren, Jeffery, Nathan, Brian, Matthew, David, Erica, Christopher, Raymond and Mark; six great-grandchildren, Brandt, Lauran, Clark, Katie, Saylor Ann and Moshe; and a sister, Charlene Shumaker of Plainfield.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Joseph M. and Ronald.

Sunland Mortuary of Sun City, Ariz., is handling arrangements for services at a later date in Logansport.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Chris Gaff

ALBION — Chris B. Gaff, 50, of Albion died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at his home. He had been ill with Lou Gehrig's disease for the past eight months.

Mr. Gaff

Mr. Gaff was a deputy surveyor for the Noble County Surveyor's Office.

He was an outdoorsman, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, canoeing and old westerns. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Albion and the National Rifle Association. He was also a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville. He was a lifetime resident of the Albion area, graduating from Central Noble High School in 1976.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1958, in Columbia City to Burt and Jacquelyn (Norris) Gaff. She survives in Albion.

He married Jody Smith in Albion on May 10, 1985. She survives in Albion.

He is also survived by a son, Caleb Gaff of Fort Carson, Colo.; two daughters, Jolene and Courtney Gaff, both of Albion; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Candy Gaff of Fort Wayne and Carol and Jim Pankop of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Cliff and Julie Gaff of Albion; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Marlene and Ron Smith of Albion; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Matt and Mary Smith of Albion, Kim and Dan Phares of Ligonier, and Ronda and Norm Lortie of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his father on Oct. 2, 1994.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville, with the Rev. Thelma Cobbler officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Visitation is also one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Memorials are to Whitley County Hospice or Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Sarah Bowerman

ANGOLA — Sarah Elizabeth Bowerman, 88, of Angola died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Bowerman was a homemaker.

She was a member of Flint United Methodist Church. She enjoyed word search books, petunias and other flowers, and birds.

She was born Aug. 24, 1919, in Auburn to Charles and Isdore (Collins) Pairan, both of whom preceded her in death. She married Charles Bowerman in 1968. He died Sept. 26, 1987.

She is survived by two brothers, Archie Pairan of Orland and Lyle Pairan of Oregon; two sisters, Vera Teller of Flint and Violet Penrod of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Tod Penrod.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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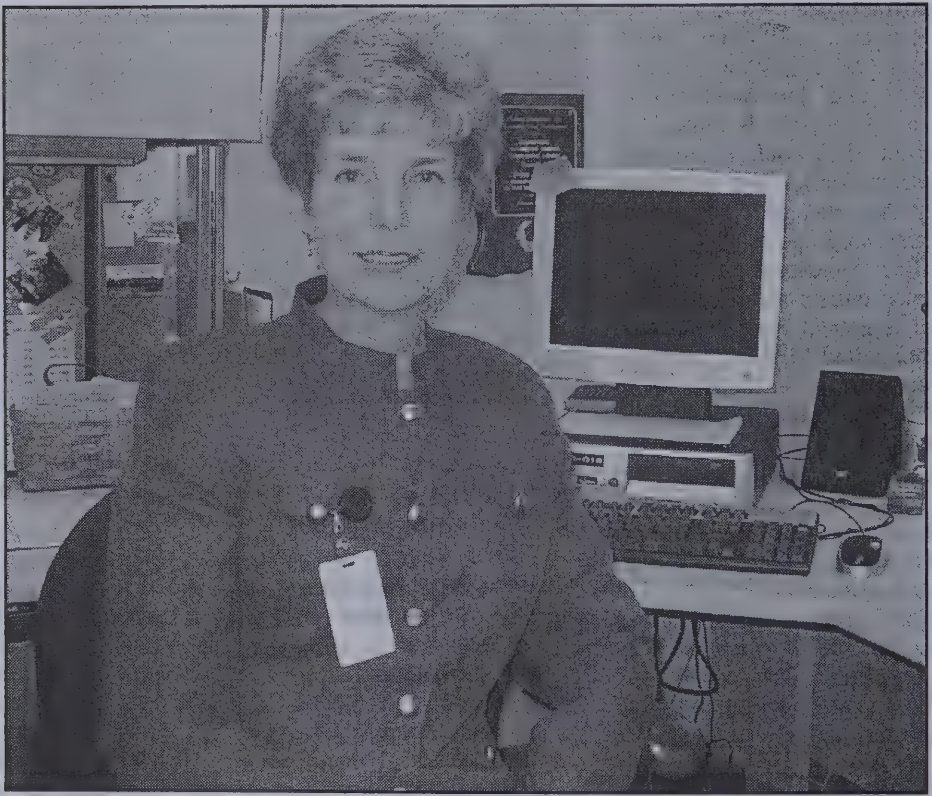
Counselor affected thousands

Peggy Donovan was instrumental to success of East Noble High School



FILE PHOTO

Peggy Donovan counseled thousands of students in 28 years on the staff at East Noble High School.

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BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — "She was a sounding board, crying shoulder, tough-love giver and friend to all."

That's how East Noble High School director of guidance Lindy Munson remembers her mentor, Peggy Donovan, 55, who died Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after retiring about nine months ago as the high school's director of guidance.

Donovan spent 28 years in guidance at East Noble High School, introducing innovative programs and touching the lives of thousands of students, their parents and East Noble staff.

"For 28 years, Peggy established countless relationships with students, parents, community members and colleagues," said Munson. "These relationships have been instrumental in the success of East Noble High School."

East Noble principal Ann Linson called Donovan a wonderful person, wife, friend and counselor. "She had a way of comforting you and making you feel very secure," said Linson.

East Noble School Corp. superintendent Dr. H. Steve Sprunger remembers Donovan's warm, engaging personality.

"She was always part of the solution, not the problem, and regardless of the situation never failed to see the good in people," he said.

Donovan's friend, Anita Hess, worked with her on student scholarships.

"Peggy was a great listener for students and faculty," said Hess. "She was a wonderful person, always helpful and concerned about another person's welfare."

Donovan taught English for four years at Rensselaer and West Lafayette after graduating from Purdue University, then returned to Purdue to obtain her master's degree. She learned about East Noble's need for a guidance counselor while at Purdue.

She came to East Noble in 1979.

In a May 20, 2007, News-Sun story about her retirement, Donovan was asked what she liked most about her job.

"I loved working with students one on one, helping them with their course choices, graduation requirements and career paths," she said.

Her impact on thousands of students is her legacy.

"She pushed students to achieve, and worked tirelessly on their behalf to secure millions of dollars of scholarships that many would have never realized without her quiet behind-the-scene efforts," said Sprunger. "Peggy knew no boundaries when it came to helping young adults. On a regular basis, students and former students sought her out for issues related to their lives after high school or serious personal issues they were challenged with."

Donovan was instrumental in introducing a program in 1983 still used today, in which a guidance counselor at the high school mentors the same class from freshmen through senior years.

East Noble graduate Dorothy (Housholder) Dankel said of Donovan: "She was a wonderful behind-the-scenes woman who put students first and didn't expect any credit."

Munson agreed. "Many wonderful things she did went unnoticed, which suits her because she didn't want the spotlight. She would be the first to say, 'I don't do hoopla.'"

Linson said she misses Donovan.

"I've missed her at school this year, and often thought to myself, 'How would Peggy handle this?'" she said. "I will always remember Peggy, and will continue to hear her refer to the students as kiddos and little birds."

Donovan was born in Anderson on April 15, 1952, to Clarence and Barbara Neil (Swift) Crouch. Her father preceded her in death.

She married Richard Julian Donovan on July 12, 1980, in Alexandria. He survives.

In 1988, she received the Indiana Association for Counseling and Development's Secondary Counselor Award.

During her retirement, she enjoyed spending time and talking with her close friends and enjoyed reading fiction and traveling. One of her favorite things to do was dining out and trying new restaurants in the area.

She is buried in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

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John Grimm

WATERLOO — John N. Grimm, 67, of Waterloo, died Friday, March 28, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Grimm was president of DeKalb Distributing of Avilla for 44 years

Mr. Grimm

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church, the Auburn Moose Lodge, Auburn Elks Lodge and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club.

He was a hunter and fisherman and went on five African hunting expeditions and several hunting and fishing trips in Canada.

He was born Aug. 24, 1940, in Auburn to Herbert Nicholas and Mary Elizabeth "Betty" (Warner) Grimm.

He married Karen R. Karnes on July 2, 1960, in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law; Joel and Jerilyn Grimm of Auburn and Peter and Sherry Grimm of Waterloo, a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Ron Jones of Waterloo, eight grandchildren, Jacob, Katelyn, Shyanna, Madalynn and Emma Grimm and Erika, Paige and Jadyn Jones; a sister; Joann Foster of Florida; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Judy Grimm of Florida; his in-laws, Duaine and Devella Karnes of Auburn; and his brothers- and sisters-in-law, Don and Judy Frank, David and Cheryl Peck, Duaine and Karen Karnes, Doug and Rita Karnes, Jerry and Chris Wilhelm. and Randy and Freida Michael.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn. The Rev. Clare Jewel and the Rev. Russ Howard will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Schoombee School Foundation, Middelburg Eastern Cape, South Africa, in care of Campbell and Fetter Bank in Auburn.

George Haller

WATERLOO — George H. Haller, 76, of Waterloo, died Saturday morning, March 29, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Haller worked as a foreman for Eagle-Picher in Huntington for 10 years and for the Red Cross for nine years before retiring in December 2005.

He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church,

Mr. Haller earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University, an E.E.T. degree from Purdue University and a master's degree from the University of St. Francis.

He was born Oct. 12, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Harry William and Louise (Spake) Haller.

He married Margaret A. Lafferty on March 17, 1956, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William George "Bill" and Judith Haller of Waterloo; and a brother, Robert William Haller of Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or the American Red Cross.

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Max Green

FORT WAYNE — Max E. Green, 87, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Butler died Sunday, March 23, 2008, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

A retired DeKalb County farmer, Mr. Green was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Aug. 23, 1920, in Yoder to Thurl and Pearl (Jack) Green.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Alan Fudge of Fort Wayne; five sons and four daughters-in-law, David and Donna Green of Fort Wayne, Bruce and Linda Green of Houston, Texas, Ronald and Su Ann Green of Miami, Fla., Roger Green of Butler and John and Kathy Green of Fort Wayne; a sister, Agnes Rugman of Garrett; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joel Green.

A private burial service was in Oaklawn Cemetery of Ossian.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home of Fort Wayne handled arrangements.

Memorials are to the Hoosier Air Museum of Auburn or Make-a-Wish Foundation.

James Wilson

KENDALLVILLE — James R. Wilson, 81, of Kendallville died Friday, March 28, 2008, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

Mr. Wilson drove a gas truck for Beights Oil Co. in Kendallville and then for Brown's Amoco when the company changed hands. Later, he worked for Strawser Brothers Construction in Kendallville as a mechanic, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge. In his spare time he worked in the yard, gardened and worked on his tractors, cars and boats.

He was born Aug. 6, 1926, in Kendallville to Henry and Esther (Streb) Wilson.

Surviving are one sister, Ruth Harriett Freed of Avilla; one nephew and his wife, Kenneth L. and Sally Freed of Rome City; one niece and her husband, Elizabeth Ruth "Dolly" and Robert Kollman of Kendallville; one nephew on his late wife's side, Richard Swafford of California; a special friend; Judy Keck of Kendallville; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zona (Burger) Wilson, and one sister, Sharon Terry.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent at hitefuneralhome.com.

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Report critical of police

Review board alleges negligence, policy violations, failure of duty

BY LINDSAY WINSLOW BROWN
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AUBURN — An independent review board found three officers from the Garrett Police Department and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department failed in their duties, which investigators cite as a possible factor in the death of an Avilla man on Feb. 18.

The DeKalb County Commissioners this morning approved an investigation report which states that three responding officers, one from Garrett and two from the sheriff's department, failed in their duties when responding to the tragic scene Feb. 18, a day after Duane Squire lost control of his car and drove off the road and into a field at C.R. 48 and C.R. 19 in DeKalb County.

Squire

Squire was driving a blue 1989 Oldsmobile with his grandson as a passenger when he drove off C.R. 48 and became stuck in a field east of Garrett around 3 p.m. Feb. 17. Two passers-by reported the incident in 911 calls to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. One said she could see Squire standing outside the disabled car.

Two sheriff's deputies and a Garrett Police officer responded just minutes after the crash, but left without checking the car. Instead, they

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abandoned their search in the belief that someone had driven into the field intentionally to gather firewood.

Squire was found dead outside his blue 1989 Oldsmobile around 1 p.m. Feb. 18. His autistic grandson, 14, survived a night inside the car in single-digit temperatures.

"If officers had obtained a clear view of the vehicle they would have noticed the vehicle was approximately 136 yards south of the woods indicating that the car possibly was not in the field to cut wood," according to the review board report.

During an interview with the investigation board, DeKalb County Sheriff's Department Deputy Adam Friedel stated "he felt responsible for the death because he did not do enough; no matter what he was told, he should have followed his instinct and checked further."

Garrett Police Officer Sam Smith also responded to the scene.

According to the report, Smith admitted being able to see only the top of a blue vehicle, and could not make out whether it was a car or truck.

"When asked why (Smith) did not walk out into the field to better see the vehicle after receiving the information from the driver of the unknown pickup truck, officer Smith stated, 'because it was the county's area and since he pulled up with me, I gave him the information.'"

DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Short did not notice tire marks south of C.R. 48, running off the roadway and into the field. According to the report, he said that "if he had seen the tire marks, he would have gone further, but he was looking for a car still driving in the field."

The investigation panel consisted of Lt. Ron Rayl and Lt. Troy Hershberger, both of the Allen County Police Department.

Annabelle Cotner

KENDALLVILLE— Annabelle Cotner, 95, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Cotner

Mrs. Cotner had been employed as the catalog manager at Sears in Kendallville from 1951-1981. She had lived in Kendallville since 1935.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville where she belonged to the Naoma Ruth Circle. Mrs. Cotner was also a member of the Delphian Club, Solo Club and the Senior Group.

Mrs. Cotner had been a volunteer at McCray Memorial Hospital.

She was a 1931 graduate of Talma High School in Talma, Ind.

She was born Jan. 18, 1913, in Rochester to Rinaldo and Eleanor (Latchaw) Hunter. She married William B. Cotner on March 1, 1931. He preceded her death Nov. 16, 1967.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Norma Cotner of Aurora, Ill.; a grandson and his wife, Jon and Holly Cotner of North Oak, Minn.; a granddaughter and her husband, Erin and David Stuedemann of Marseilles, Ill.; and five great-grandchildren, Drake, Aspen, Willow and Forest Stuedemann and Stella Cotner.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters, Florence Boggess, Edith Wagner, Clarabelle Zent and Goldie Heindel, and a brother, Nelson Hunter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. at Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Chicago.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

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Sandra Moore

AUBURN — Sandra K. Moore, 58, of Auburn died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Moore was a homemaker and a member of the Living Waters Baptist Church in Garrett. She was a volunteer for the food bank at the Good Samaritan Center in Auburn. She enjoyed crocheting and writing poetry.

She was born Aug. 23, 1949, in Salem, Ohio, to Merle and Grace (Sefton) Ruble, who are both deceased. She married Edward Moore on Sept. 2, 1967, in Auburn. He survives.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Nicole Moore of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Scott Aschliman of Auburn; three grandchildren, Brennan Moore, Bailee Moore and Caitlin Aschliman; three brothers, Norman Casto of Salem, Elmer Casto of North Jackson, Ohio, and Jim Ruble of Butler; and two sisters, Laura Hartsock of Montpelier, Ohio, and Beulah Lewis of Alliance, Ohio.

There will be no services.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Stebing

FORT WAYNE — Thomas James Weimer Stebing, 59, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett died Friday, March 28, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked as an art teacher in various schools in the Fort Wayne area. He was a lifetime volunteer for several children's ministries. He attended Fellowship Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. He was an accomplished artist and loved music and acting.

He was a 1966 graduate of Garrett High School and a 1970 graduate of Northwestern University. He later received his master's degree from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne.

He was born June 4, 1948, in Ohio to Roger W. and Erma Jean (Baltz) Stebing. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Auburn.

In addition to his mother, other survivors include a daughter, Joanna Stebing of Fort Wayne; an aunt, Helen (Stebing) Bussell of Auburn; an uncle and aunt, Donald and Linda Stebing of Fort Wayne; cousins, Jayne and David McClellan and Carol Reese, all of Auburn, Beth and Doug Lamb of Lafayette, and Gina and Joe Copeland of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Stephen Kummernuss of St. Mark's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the Boys and Girls Club of Fort Wayne, 2609 Fairfield Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Jerry Crawford

EDON, Ohio — Jerry D. Crawford, 66, of Edon, Ohio, died Friday, March 28, 2008, shortly after admittance to Community Hospital and Wellness Center in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mr. Crawford was employed by Metaldyne in Edon, retiring in 2004, with 34 years of service. He was lifelong resident of Edon and attended the Edon United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 28, 1941, in Edon, Ohio, to Ivan Dale and Dorothy Juanita (Gearhart) Crawford. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Edon. He married Nancy S. Hartman on Oct. 23, 1981, in Edon, and she survives.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey D. and Cindy Crawford of Fort Myers, Fla., Mitchel Buell of Edon and David and Laura Buell of Pleasant Lake; two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Crawford and Tamra and Chuck Patton, both of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Kyle Patton and Leila Buell.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by three infant brothers, Richard, Robert and Franklin Crawford

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edon with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in Columbia Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to establish a college fund in Mr. Crawford's name for his grandchildren or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the online register at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Helen Heston

FORT WAYNE — Helen E. Heston, 96, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Heston served as executive secretary for the Jay County United Way from its inception until her retirement.

She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Portland, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She had a great love for her family and enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to knit, crochet and sew.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1912, in Jay County to Walter and Flossie (Sprunger) MacGinnitie. She married Maxwell "Max" Heston of Sept. 11, 1937. He died in May 1997.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Fred Kruger of Fort Wayne, formerly of Snow Lake; three grandchildren and a spouse, Bonnie Rohrs of Fort Wayne, Brian and Rita Rohrs of Defiance, Ohio, and Bryce Rohrs of Hicksville, Ohio; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Chapel. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be two hours prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jay County United Way.

William Rosebrock

CLEAR LAKE — William E. Rosebrock, 93, of Downers Grove, Ill., and Clear Lake, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, in Downers Grove, Ill.

Mr. Rosebrock was longtime resident of Clear Lake and a former school board member of Fremont Community Schools.

His first wife, Rosella, preceded him in death in 1967. He married Florence Nash, who survives.

He is also survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Carlton Bauer, Roberta and Hal Stroh, and Connie and Dean Cappel; a son, William Rosebrock Jr.; and two stepsons, Carl and John Nash; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was March 26 in Lisle, Ill. Later memorial services are planned at Clear Lake this summer.

Memorials are to St. Thomas Hospice of Downers Grove, Ill.

Janis Stull

ALBION — Janis A. Stull, 71, of Albion died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at her home.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

June Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — June Campbell, 57, of Kendallville died Sunday at her residence at the Lighthouse Apartments.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

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James Wilson

KENDALLVILLE — James R. Wilson, 81, of Kendallville died Friday, March 28, 2008, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

Mr. Wilson drove a gas truck for Beights Oil Co. in Kendallville and then for Brown's Amoco when the company changed hands. Later, he worked for Strawser Brothers Construction in Kendallville as a mechanic, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge. In his spare time he worked in the yard, gardened and worked on his tractors, cars and boats.

He was born Aug. 6, 1926, in Kendallville to William Harry and Esther (Streb) Wilson. He married Zona B. Burger on May 17, 1957, in Kendallville. She died May 14, 1998.

Surviving are a sister, Ruth Harriett Freed of Avilla; a nephew and his wife, Kenneth L. and Sally Freed of Rome City; a niece and her husband, Elizabeth Ruth "Dolly" and Robert Kollman of Kendallville; one nephew on his late wife's side, Richard Swafford of California; a special friend, Judy Keck of Kendallville; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a niece, Sharon Terry.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent at hitefuneralhome.com.

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